



Thanksgiving 1960

## Thanksgiving Quiet Across Milam County

### Building Going At Cameron Sites

Construction and remodeling continue at several projects in Cameron this week.

Foundation work on the \$150,000 sanctuary of the First Baptist Church, Crockett and Main, went into final stages as concrete was poured and fill dirt for the floor was emplaced.

Construction at the new Newton Memorial Hospital saw concrete pillars going up and plans for installing roof supports going ahead despite rainy weather.

Foundation work has been completed at the site north of the present hospital. Construction is expected to continue on the 23-bed fourwing structure for a nother nine months.

And interior expansion and remodeling of offices at Citizens National Bank were about complete this week.

Workmen were erecting metal work on the citizens National drive - in facility and a target date of about December 15 was set for completion.

In other construction and improvement news, the Humplik Farm and Ranch Store has been repainted completely across the front of the large brick building on Batte Street.

And Dennis Kubecka is completing construction of a new radio

and TV service center on West Main St.

Completion of these current projects will mean that about 30 Cameron business and public institutions have been remodeled or constructed during the past 11 months.

Construction for the year in Cameron and vicinity will reach the million - dollar mark in the largest building improvement program in recent city history.

Other improvements underway include reflooring and repainting of the interior of Mondrik's Minimax.

### Last Rites Held For Mrs. Mondrik Heart Victim

Mrs. Frank C. Mondrik died of a heart attack at her home Sunday at the age of 75.

Funeral services were 4 p. m. Monday at the First Methodist Church with the Rev. Jewell Strong and the Rev. Gordon Guder officiating. Burial was in Oak Hill cemetery.

Born November 16, 1885 in Ben Arnold, she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vince Kahler. She lived in the Ad Hall Community until her marriage in 1906 when she moved to Cameron. Her husband established Mondrik's Grocery and had numerous cattle and farming interests before his death in 1925. Mrs. Mondrik was a member of the Buckholts Lutheran Church.

Survivors include 2 sons, Alvin Mondrik of Cameron and Dr. Frank Mondrik of Longview; 2 daughters, Mrs. Lillian Lester and Mrs. Ethel Drgac of Cameron; 1 brother, Ernest Kahler, Cameron; 1 sister, Mrs. Matilda Kahler, Cameron; 2 grandchildren and 5 great - grandchildren.

Pallbearers were John Henderson, Arthur Rosenberg, Hillard Thomas, Lester Williams, Grady Allen, J. R. Crook, Felix Matula Jr. and Andrew Raymond.

Marek - Burns Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### Last Rites Held For Mrs. Tomasek, Drowning Victim

Funeral services were held 10 A. M. Friday for Mrs. Frank Tomasek, Jr., 50, of Rt. 1, Cameron, following accidental drowning in a surface well.

The Rev. John Baletka officiated at services at the Chapel of Green Funeral Home. Burial was in Corinth Cemetery.

Officials said Mrs. Tomasek had accidentally fallen into a surface well at her farm home on Rt. 1, Cameron. Her husband had talked with her during the afternoon when she had taken water to him while he was plowing in a nearby field.

When Tomasek returned from the field in the evening, he found that Mrs. Tomasek had fallen into a surface well in the rear of their home.

Mrs. Tomasek was born Dec. 25, 1909, in Jones County, Texas. She has been a life - long resident of Milam County.

Surviving are: her husband Frank Tomasek, Jr., of the home; one daughter, Miss Evelyn Tomasek, Bay City; one son, Richard Tomasek, Cameron; three brothers, Rudolph Tomasek, Robert Tomasek and Henry Tomasek, all of Cameron; and one sister, Mrs. Albina Janicek of Holland.

### Special Services Held Wednesday At Battetown

Thanksgiving Day was an official national holiday and closing day for most of Cameron.

Cameron held a Thanksgiving Eve service Wednesday night at Battetown Baptist Church with ministers of the Cameron Ministerial Alliance leading the service.

The Rev. Jewel Strong, pastor of the First Methodist Church, delivered a Thanksgiving sermon and the Rev. E. H. Bradfield, pastor of the First Assembly Church gave the invocation.

Francis Cox, band director at Yoe High School, led vocal music.

The city itself was quiet with the gathering of families around the traditional Thanksgiving table.

It was also an official closing day for most Cameron stores according to Chamber Manager Jack DuBois.

He also announced that Cameron retail stores voted to stay open each Thursday night until 7:30 in December until Christmas.

And DuBois called for entries in the annual Cameron Christmas parade, which already has attracted four float entries, two bands and about seven other marching units.

The parade will be 4 p. m. December 8 in downtown Cameron. Highlight of the day will be a visit from Santa Claus.

The traditional Christmas parade is expected to attract about 30 floats, bands, marching units and vehicles. Last year about 7,500 people attended the parade.

### Funeral Services Held Monday For Mrs. Cheeves, 86

Mrs. S. W. Cheeves, 86, died at her home early Sunday morning where she had been ill for several months.

Funeral services were 2 p. m. Monday in the chapel of Green Funeral Home with the Rev. Jewel Strong officiating. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Cheeves was born September 6, 1874 in Falls County, Texas, the daughter of F. D. Stewart and Fannie Bohanan Stewart. She was married to the late S. W. Cheeves and moved to Cameron in 1905 where Mr. Cheeves was engaged in the dry goods business for many years. She was a member of the First Methodist Church.

Surviving are: 3 daughters, Mrs. Niley J. Smith of Cameron; Mrs. Cecil Warner of Ft. Smith, Arkansas and Mr. Frontaine Flinn of Corpus Christi; 1 brother, Frank Stewart of Cameron; 1 sister, Mrs. W. J. Woods of Cameron; 7 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Bill McIntosh, Charlie Burke, O. B. Harden, Don Humble, Allen Dodson, Earl Curtis and John Henderson, Sr.

### On The Inside

The Herald Centennial is here. And with it comes three special sections crisscrossing with county, city and Herald history that was more than a year in the making.

Pictures throughout the edition will bring back the memories of used-to-be and refresh them of things not-so-long ago.

### You'll Find

Mineral, Industry ..... Aect. A  
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## 100 Reflected...

(A Commentary)

The images of a score of Herald editors seemed to visit Cameron as this Centennial Edition was produced.

It was more than a year and a half in the researching and writing. Only two weeks ago did it begin to take shape.

J. B. White, the venerable editor of The Herald for 30 years once said: "To write the history of Cameron and Milam County, it would take at least a year."

Well, J. B., it took longer than that and there is still more of the story that could be told.

This edition may assume a unique status in the 100-year history of The Herald. One could find facets of both Milam County and Cameron to elaborate beyond the scope of this Centennial.

But 100 years of The Herald, 114 years of Cameron and 120 years of the area known as Milam County could consume untold pages.

Thus, a modern technic of using pictures, some of rare value, was applied to tell a part of the story. And the scopeful writing of feature editor Lloyd Albertson was called on to package a century in a few thousand words.

Three sections actually tell the story, including that of The Herald: Mineral and industry, Milam history and Herald and Cameron history.

Without any specific treatment, the story of agriculture is told by the reviews of the numerous communities, particularly in North and Central Milam County, and the development of the railroads which was the cause of their growth.

Oil and lignite are concentrated in the Minerva-Rockdale area. Their stories tell not only the middle history of South Milam County, but the coming of Alcoa and Milam's major economic influence in this century.

Finally, the telling of The Herald's 100 years by era and individual influence reveals much of the growth of Cameron and Milam County.

Focal point of all these stories is Cameron, seat of Milam since the 1840's and center of business and political influence for Milam County and Texas itself.

Efforts have been made to document the authenticity of the historic treatments. The Herald's 65 years of microfilm copies and the priceless pictures contributed by those interested in this area's history have been the pivotal points for this edition.

Scores of interviews, letters, books and earlier writings, cited in the historic reviews, augmented basic material.

From these sources came this Centennial. If this edition retains the vigor of the first century of Milam County and its oldest newspaper, it will be of value.

The Herald has been written and published by doctors, lawyers, ministers, hard-hewn editors, political potentates and printers. Perhaps that diversity is the reason it survived the whirligig of frontier journalism and the strenuous competition of time.

This newspaper is not the oldest in Texas, but it is one of the oldest. This is not the largest edition of The Herald ever produced, but it is among the more comprehensive. It is not for the present management to claim wonders in one issue, but to live up to the traditions of a publication and era of more than 100 years.

The many hours and pages and advertisements contributed by Milam Countians toward this edition are gratefully acknowledged.

And, with that, the staff of this newspaper wishes you good reading. A century of Herald editors could wish you no more.

— Frank M. Luecke

## Dr. Crump Feted On His Birthday

Dr. T. E. Crump, Cameron doctor, was feted on his birthday Saturday.

He has been practicing medicine in Cameron for 34 years.

The Sisters of Charity at St. Edward's Hospital honored Dr. Crump, a hospital staff physician, with a party.

Dr. Crump was born in Milam County, the son of pioneer parents. He attended school in Rockdale, Cameron and Southwestern University at Georgetown.

After teaching school for six years, he entered medical school at the University of Tennessee in 1911 and received an M. D. degree in 1915 after entering in Memphis, Tenn. and Shreveport, La., and serving at Parsons Kansas State Hospital, he entered the service during World War I.

He also has served as president and secretary of the Milam County Medical Society and as a director of the Milam Health Unit for seven years. He also was examiner for the U. S. Selective Service for Milam County for two years.

Dr. Crump is a member of the Cameron Chamber of Commerce, Knights of Pythias and Masonic Lodge.

## Speaker Outlines 8 Bases For America's Foundation

Eight points forming the foundation of America are taught in schools today, Robert W. Lawrence, American Heritage speaker, told a combined Cameron civic club audience Thursday.

Completing a dynamic, change-of-pace talk on what America was founded on, the speaker from the Texas Bureau of Economic Understanding listed:

1. Trust in God
2. Importance of the individual
3. Freedom of the individual
4. Hope of reward, including the profit motive and inner personal satisfaction
5. Private ownership of the fruits of labor
6. Fair competition
7. Dignity of work
8. Government for protection of God-given rights.

Lawrence, who admitted to agnosticism before acknowledging Christianity, drew the rapt attention of about 70 members of Cameron Lions, Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs.

He was introduced by Bassell Wilson, president of the host Cameron Rotary Club. The combined group met in the Western Room of The Texan.

Lawrence cited the war of ideas existing between the U. S. and Communism, which, he said, "the United States has been losing since 1848 and at an accelerated pace since 1944."

He described the "diabolical cleverness of Karl Marx, who in 1848, drew up the Communist Manifesto with an aim to conquer the world."

Terming Russian Nikita Khrushchev a murderer, he said Russian efforts for peaceful co-existence were "hogwash."

He said that Russia expected to conquer "this room and the rest of the United States by 1972", but if they didn't, it would not matter because "time is no object to world Socialism."

With quotations from the American Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights and Patrick Henry's famous "liberty or death" speech, Lawrence emphasized that the aim for American society is for men to live freely.

"That was the aim of men like Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison."

He termed the U. S. "an enunciation of God" in fulfilling material and moral accomplishments

under the American system.

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### Club Receives Official Charter

The St. Anthony's Civics Club this week received its official charter from the Commission on American Citizenship in Washington, D. C.

The charter formally recognizes affiliations of the local unit with the national organization at the Catholic University of America. Pupils of Grades seven and eight comprise the local Club members.

The officers of the newly organized club are: Carol Terry, president; Lanette Darby, vice - president; Monica Mikula, recording secretary; Margaret Zolt, corresponding secretary; and Dennis Jistil, sergeant - at - arms.

St. Anthony's Civics Club is one of the thousands of Catholic Civics Clubs chartered in the United States for the express purpose of developing informed, responsible young citizens.

This year's program will center on the theme "Your Citizenship - Know It, Cherish It, Live It." Club members will get help in developing this theme from "Young Catholic Messenger", a national weekly for students of the upper elementary grades.

### Fire Destroys Home Furnishings

A frame house burned Tuesday afternoon on South Rusk St. Cameron firemen fought a blaze starting the first Sunday each June. It is located three miles southeast of Kerrville on Highway 27. There are 16 permanent buildings on 504 hillside acres, he said.

No one was at home when the fire occurred.

### Teen Canteen Organized For Cameron Youth

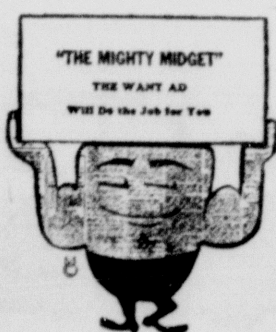
The Youth Council of the First Methodist Church in Cameron will inaugurate a Youth Canteen Saturday night for all High School students in the community.

The canteen will be operated each Saturday from 8 to 11 p. m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Methodist Church. A separate canteen will be open for fourth through sixth grade students from 6:15 to 7:45 each Saturday night in the Hall.

Rules governing the Canteen have been drawn up by the Methodist Youth Council under the leadership of Sidney Perrin, president, and include: that the canteen will be open to all high school students, and that each student must register and pay a 10 - cent entrance fee.

Adults active in starting the canteen have been Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Dana Monroe and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Foster. They will be assisted on Saturday nights by interested parents.

Mrs. Foster told The Herald that the canteen was in need of donations in the form of game equipment such as ping pong tables.



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## McCullin Relates Lions Camp Story

Cameron Lions Monday heard A. W. McCullin discuss the operation of the Crippled Children's Camp at Kerrville, sponsored by Texas Lions Clubs.

He said that about 700 children attended the camp each summer. And they are blind, deaf, mute or crippled boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 16 who would not normally be able to attend a summer camp of any kind, McCullin added.

He pointed out that the camp now operates the other nine months of the year for about 60 blind adults who are learning to make adjustments to becoming blind.

Last summer more than 5,000

youngsters had enjoyed the camp since its founding in 1953.

"It has served by bringing handicapped youngsters together and promoting a sense of companionship through carefully planned activities," McCullin said.

The Crippled Children's Camp is operated through the dues of Lions of Texas, contributions from them and their friends, special projects by local Lions Clubs, memorials, endowments and other projects.

McCullin pointed out the camp operates five summer sessions starting the first Sunday each June. It is located three miles southeast of Kerrville on Highway 27. There are 16 permanent buildings on 504 hillside acres, he said.



# Burlington News

## School Board Buys New Rec. Building

By Mrs. George Logan

The Burlington school has bought a building at Ft. Hood and will move it to Burlington in about 30 days. It will be placed where the old Recreation Hall is and be used for a Recreation Hall. The building is 20 by 50 feet.

As soon as the building is set up plans will be made to dispose of the old recreation building by Public bids.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Boehme and family of Mexia were guests of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Boehme last Sunday.

Among those from Burlington who attended a District meeting council of Catholic women in Rosebud Sunday Nov. 13 were the following ladies of St. Michael's Church: Mrs. Phil Krause, Mrs. John McAtee, Mrs. Henry Litzmann, Mrs. Frank Jahn and Mrs. Jake Futschik. The meeting was at D. Brown Library.

Mr. and Mrs. George Logan Jr. of Houston who are visiting his parents, in Rosebud attended church services here at the Baptist Church last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Olbrich had the following visitors in their home Sunday: Frank Buckholt of Westphalia, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Herzog of Westphalia, Walter Buckholt and family, Robert Frei of Temple, Mr. and Mrs. George Lange and family of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Halpman of Bur-

## Milano

### Jack Lankford Recovering From Recent Surgery

Mrs. Bettye Bullock visited her brother Jack Lankford of Dallas who is a patient in the Temple Santa Fe Hospital Saturday. He underwent eye surgery Friday and is doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Massey of Caldwell visited in the home of her sister Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ferguson one day last week.

Mrs. Lucile Kerns of Hearne was guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Sloan and her aunt Mrs. Stevenson Friday.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Zell Morgan Saturday were John Brannon of Houston, Eugene Hairston of Rockdale and Mr. and Mrs. James Blackmon and son of Wisconsin.

Wayne Bullock who is employed in Austin visited in the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Henry Bullock several days last week.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Henry Bullock and also in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hill were Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Hallis White and children of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Towery of Thorndale were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Vinton Thursday.

Miss Gerturde Jones and Dick and Bill Eward attended the funeral of Tom Eward in Rockdale Friday.

Mrs. Raymond Pimpier, Mrs. C. F. Nolte, Mrs. Robert Kalkbrenner, Mrs. Walter Strickler, Mrs. Mary Henke, Mrs. A. E. Helsel, Mrs. Aleta Marek, Mrs. F. P. Folschinsky, Mrs. Gerald Cobb, Rev. Gerald Cobb, and daughter were visitors. The E. and R. Church at Ben Arnold made the quilt and it is to be sold. Proceeds to go to the church.

Mrs. Coy Arledge of Cameron who is school Supervisor was a visitor at the public school at Burlington last week.

Members of St. Michael's parish had a supper Tuesday night at the Catholic school building honoring Rev. Father O'Regan and Rev. Father Ben Goertz. Rev. Father O'Regan has a birthday on Thanksgiving Day so his birthday was remembered Tuesday night.

Quite a few Burlington friends attended the funeral of Mrs. A. R. Sitz of Marlin at 2 p. m. Friday. She died in a Houston hospital Wednesday. The funeral was at Terry's Chapel of Lutheran Church. Burial was in Woodland Cemetery in Rosebud.

Miss Geraldann Foshea has been on the sick list but is able to be back on her job in Rosebud.

Mrs. Ed Stuessel of Rosebud and Mrs. Charlie Litzman of Burlington have returned from Stephenville where they visited relatives and Mrs. Litzman attended the funeral of an uncle, Leonard Hancock at Dublin. Mrs. Stuessel visited her sister Mrs. Tillie Hickley while they were at Stephenville.

## Buckholts

### Local Hunters Bag 12 Bucks, 3 Turkey

By Mrs. J. W. Meyer

A party of deer hunters from this area including Johnny Fuchs, Willie Glase, Carl Gonton, Wilburn Benkhusen, Garrett Beckhusen, Leland Jungmann and Henry Fuchs of Bishop have returned from a hunt near Llano. The seven bagged twelve bucks and three turkeys.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe R. Slovacsek have had as guests their son, Marvin J. Slovacsek of San Antonio and their nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kamenicky of Heidenhammer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Meyer have had as guests her sister, Miss Smithie Ritchie and their son, John R. Meyer of Dallas.

Mrs. Estelle Horstmann and Mrs. Leon Brady and children Joe Michael and Jamie Lou spent the week end in San Antonio visiting Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Horstmann and Mr. and Mrs. John Busby.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ruzicka and children of West Columbia are expected here for the Thanksgiving Holidays. They will be guests of his father, Joe Ruzicka and his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dudik.

Mrs. J. A. Pagnozzi and son of Austin spent the past few days here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Luksa of Ft. Worth visited the weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Otto Richter and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dean Zajicek of San Marcos spent the weekend visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Fischer and his parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Zajicek.

Miss LaVelle Fisher will accompany Mrs. Joe Glaser, James Edward and Richard Glaser Tuesday night for the Bon Fire at A & M College at College Station. They will be joined there by Stanley Glaser who is a student at A & M.

Mrs. Johnnie Elsenburg and daughter and son Johnnie Jr. of Cameron were visiting in the home of their grandmother Mrs. W. E. Thomas Sunday.

## Knights Of Pythias

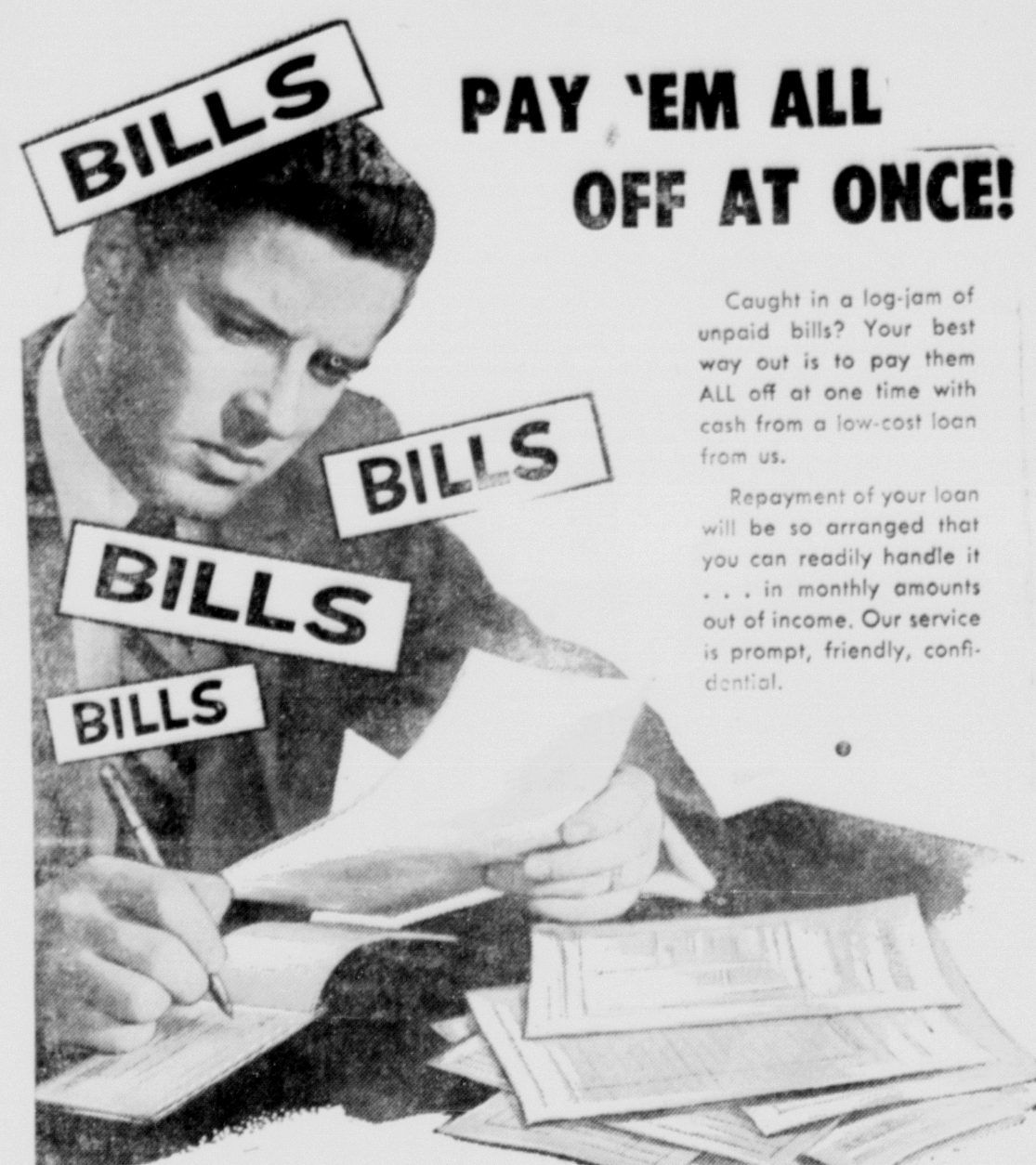
### To Hold Meeting, Supper November 28

Members of Milam Lodge No. 125, Knights of Pythias will hold their annual roll call meeting at the Pythian Castle Hall on the evening of November 28th, beginning with a covered dish supper at 7:30 a. m.

Members are asked to bring a covered dish. This will be an open meeting, members families and close friends are invited to attend.

Rev. Loyd Burleson, pastor of the Battletown Baptist Church will be the speaker of the evening. Rev. Burleson is the present Chancellor-Commander of the Milam Lodge.

Gifts to the annual Pythian home Thanksgiving and Christmas cheer fund will be accepted at this meeting. Members unable to attend, desiring to contribute to this fund are asked to mail their contributions to W. H. Lucas, Cameron, financial secretary of the Lodge.



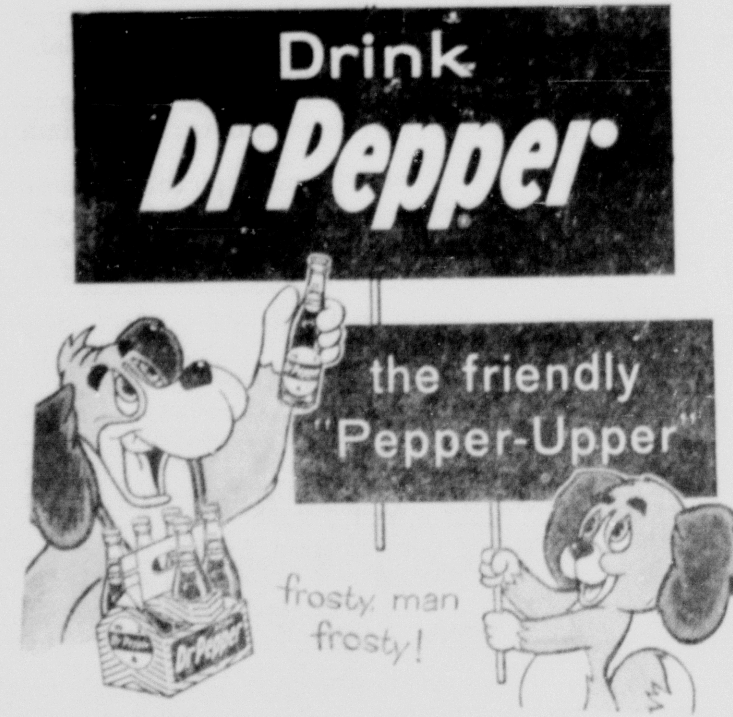
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## Sharp — James Luckey To Conduct Civil Defense Course At Sharp School

By Mrs. Florence Spiegel  
James Luckey of Cameron will conduct a course in Civil Defense at the Sharp school study hall on December 6, 8, 13, and 15 at 7:30 p. m.

Sharp 4-H boys club was represented by Reed Davis, president; Larry Praesel, council delegate; and Mrs. Nelson Davis, sponsor, at the Milam County 4-H Council meeting in Cameron Saturday night.

The girl's club was represented by Janet Laffere, council delegate.

Mrs. Johnson encouraged 4-H members to enter baked products with pecans at the Milam County Pecan Show in Cameron on December 10.

Each club is to make packages for the tree for the 4-H float in the Christmas parade.

Share the Fun - Talent Show was set for Saturday night for National 4-H Club week.

Clubs were to donate food for the 4-H Council concession stand at the Cameron Junior Livestock Show on Jan. 14.

The next council meeting will be held in the Farm Bureau office on Jan. 28.

New record books can be gotten from club presidents or at the county agent office at 10 cents each.

Delores Munoz presided at the monthly meeting of the Sharp FHA Chapter held at the Sharp school recently.

Betty Brokenbush called the roll with each member giving a home-making item.

It was decided for the girls to sell two cakes a week to raise money for the homemaking department.

Plans were completed for the Christmas party to be held Dec. 16.

Following the business session, Delores Munoz and Esther Robertson served refreshments.

Mrs. Patsy Edmonds is sponsor of the Sharp chapter.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy McDonald and sons of Groveton spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. McDonald. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gamble and Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm Backhaus of Rockdale visited with Mrs. Gamble's sister, Mrs. B. M. McDonald and family in San Antonio Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Pope spent Sunday in Austin visiting with their son and daughter-in-law, the John Dewey Pops, Jr.

Mrs. C. R. Campbell is visiting relatives in Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus J. Graves and children spent the weekend in Houston visiting her sister and family, the George Millers.

## Services Conducted For Luther Reese

Funeral services for Luther Thomas Reese, age 65, were held in Odessa Nov. 15 at 10 a. m. and graveside services were held at Liberty Cemetery Nov. 16 at 3 p. m. with Rev. A. L. Adams officiating.

Mr. Reese was a former resident of Milam County and had made plans to move back to Cameron when he passed away suddenly at his home in Odessa Monday.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Luther T. Reese of Odessa; one daughter, Mrs. LaVerne Adams of Shallow Water; two grandchildren, four brothers, Marcus Reese of Cotulla, Neely Reese of Olanville, Albert Reese of Temple and Harvin Reese of Milano; three sisters Mrs. Claude White of Milano, Mrs. O. E. Swift of Milano and Mrs. Lillian Sheborn of Bakersfield, Calif.

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Lt. Col. and Mrs. Thomas White and family of Albuquerque, New Mexico have been guests in the home of their mothers Mrs. Aleta Marek and Mrs. Leona White.

## Clarkson Franklin Reunion To Be Held Sunday In Cameron Park

By Mrs. J. A. Biasienz  
The Franklin Family reunion will be held at Ledbetter Park in Cameron Sunday, Nov. 27.

Mrs. A. R. McLerran of Cameron visited her sister and family Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Black Tuesday.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Doskocil and Amos Jr. were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Stuessell of Temple and Raymond and Roy Doskocil of Holland.

Glenn Dodd accompanied his uncle Clarence Dodd of Rosebud on a deer hunt the first day of the season and got his limit, two pointers.

Mr. and Mrs. Garman McQueen were called to Waco last Saturday due to the death of mother Mrs. Emma Ludwig.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Doskocil and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Dodd and sons Tuesday night.

Mrs. V. D. Dodd visited with Mrs. Frank Ocker of Rosebud Wednesday.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Koorring the past weekend were their daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Stobner and son of Ft. Worth.

Mrs. Oran Casey and daughters Alma Jo, Deanna and Darlene of Cedar Springs spent Friday night with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harrison and Billy Jack.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Skala and Kelvin were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Harrison and family of Marlin Friday.

Bill Reeves spent several days with his mother Mrs. John Sortor and Mr. Sortor of Waco this week.

Miss Rosalit Matyastik of Temple spent the past weekend with her mother Mrs. Joan Matyastik.

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## Ben Arnold — Houstonites Visit In Strickler Home

By Mrs. A. T. Swanzy  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Heugatter, Wayne, Leslie and Larry of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hall of Buckholts were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Strickler.

Bro. Jim Robinson of Waco filled his regular appointment at the Baptist Church here last Sunday morning, but services were not held Sunday night, due to bad weather and bad roads.

Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Swanzy,

Don and Joy visited Mr. and Mrs. George Mode last Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Strickler were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kraemer of Rosebud last Friday night, Mr. Kraemer's birthday.

A group of ladies from Ben Arnold and Burlington enjoyed a quilting and covered dish lunch at the home of Mrs. Herman Dornier Sr. of Burlington last Wednesday.



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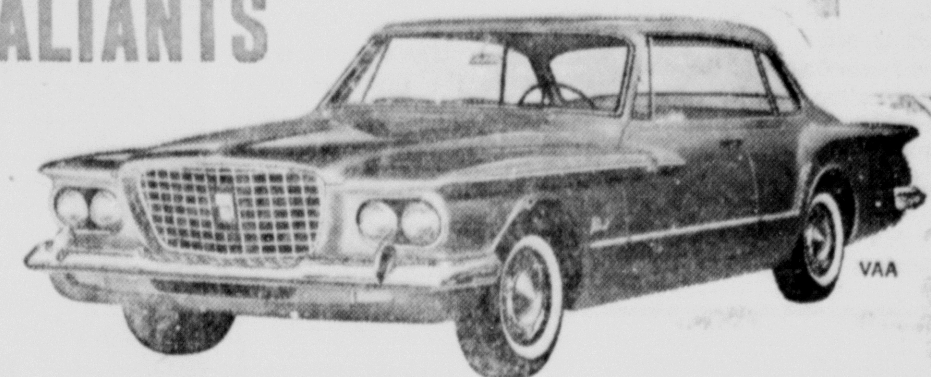
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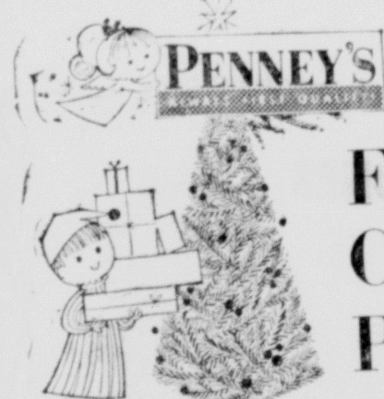
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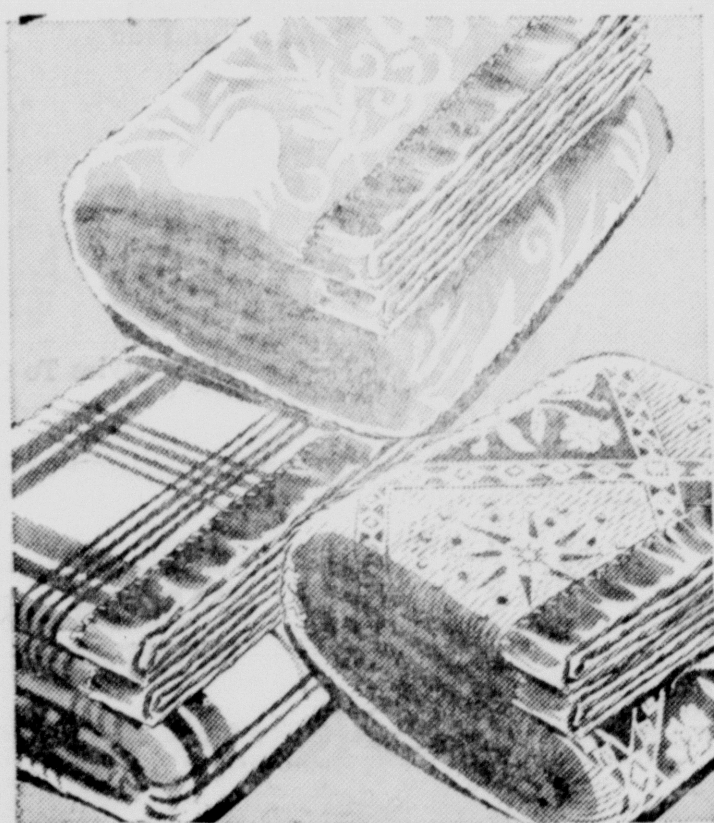
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### Rosebud Members Host Breakfast For Beta Nu Chapter

Beta Nu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met in Rosebud for a Breakfast and program, Saturday, November 12 at Swanzy's Cafeteria in Rosebud. Rosebud members were hostesses.

Mrs. J. D. Lewis, president, presented the yearbooks and copies of the constitution of the society. Introducing the year's program themes, Mrs. Coy C. Arledge called attention to the State focus, "Understanding Unfamiliar Cultures" and to the Chapter theme, "Opening Doors on Tomorrow's World."

The program for the meeting was "Political Changes in such areas as Egypt, South Africa, India, China and their respective neighbors" and was directed by Miss Nora Duncum.

Those attending the meeting from Cameron were Mesdames J. D. Lewis, Coy C. Arledge and Miss Nora Duncum.

The next meeting will be the Christmas meeting with Beta Beta Chapter, which will be held at Hamilton House in Waco, December 10. The presidents of the two chapters - Mrs. Lottie Betts and Mrs. Ida Belle Lewis - will be the leaders of the program.

### St. Anthony's PTC Hear Mrs. Randolph

Miss Mary Randolph was guest speaker at the St. Anthony's Parent - Teachers Club meeting at Simon - George Hall this week.

The topic of discussion was "Teachers Aids". Miss Randolph, Cameron teacher in the public school, who says she is near retirement has taught hundreds of primary - age students and is considered an authority in her field. She was introduced by Mrs. James Brock.

During a business session, members voted to use the proceeds from the carnival to buy new desks for the 5th and 6th grades. Mrs. H. E. McAtee was appointed committee chairman to take the Sisters to shop for the desks.

At a previous meeting, members discussed asking city officials to erect additional school zone signs in front of and around the school.

Attendance prize for this meeting sent to the first and third grades each with an equal number of parents present.

Mrs. George Hollas, Mrs. Joe Mayer, Mrs. A. F. Matula and Mrs. John Corhan served refreshments following the meeting.



Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Mueck

## Kunchick, Mueck Vows Read Here Saturday

In a double ring ceremony performed November 12 at the St. Monica's Catholic Church, Antonia Marie Kunchick became the bride of Bernard Louis Mueck. Mrs. Mueck is the daughter of Ernest Kunchick and Mr. Mueck is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mueck.

The Rev. Alfred Kallus performed the ceremony before a altar banked with white mums. Mrs. Zoltz furnished wedding music.

Given in marriage by her brother, George Kunchick, the bride wore a ballerina length dress of lace, net and taffeta featuring long sleeves, a sabrina neckline embroidered with tiny pearls. The skirt featured four lace panels. She carried a bouquet of a white orchid, white carnations, and lily. Her finger tip veil of net featured white rosebuds as a crown.

Miss Marie Mueck, Austin, sister of the groom was maid of honor. She wore a light blue embroidered organza and taffeta ballerina length dress and carried a bouquet of pink carnations.

Anton Kunchick, brother of the bride, was best man.

A reception was held immediately following at the Simon - George Hall. The bride's table was centered with the bride's and maid of honor's bouquet. Theresa Mueck, sister of the groom of Austin served the three tiered wedding cake. Mrs. Ben Ford and Mrs. Victor Mueck, Austin, poured the punch. Mrs. Frank Mueck, Houston and Mexico, the bride chose. Others in the houstparty were Mrs. Emil Hollas and Mrs. August Kunz.

The groom's mother wore a blue dress for the wedding and had a pink carnation corsage.

### Mrs. Wilkerson Host FEL Class

Mrs. Ance Wilkerson was host to the FEL class of the First Baptist Church November 16 at her home.

Mrs. I. N. West presided over the business meeting. Mrs. Jamerson gave the opening prayer and the minutes were read by the secretary, Mrs. Ella Clark. The devotional was also given by Mrs. Clark.

A covered dish luncheon was served to twelve members and three guests. Mrs. W. H. Fanning gave the closing prayer.

### Debbie Armstrong Honored On Birthday

Debbie Armstrong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Olen Armstrong, was honored with a birthday party November 16 at the home of her parents, to celebrate her third birthday.

Cake, squares, punch and ice cream were served to the twenty guests.

Plate favors consisting of whistles, balloons and small birthday hats were given the guests.

The birthday cake, which was in shape of a bouffant skirt of a doll, was white decorated with pink rose buds.

### Personal Mentions

Mrs. William Felix of McAllen visited her daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Barron and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Smitherman, the past week.

Mrs. D. V. Byrd of Rockdale visited relatives Thursday in Cameron.

Mrs. George Thurman and baby girl of San Antonio spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Matocha. Her husband came Friday and accompanied her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cameron and boys of Temple and Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Matocha spent Sunday in Houston visiting Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Matocha and family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Price and daughter of Dallas visited relatives the weekend. Mrs. D. D. Harris accompanied them home for a visit.

Father Edward Matocna of Austin spent the weekend with his parents Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Matocha.

Mrs. R. A. Griswold spent last week with her daughter Aleene in Houston. She accompanied her home and spent the weekend and attended church here.

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### JACK W. TUMLINSON

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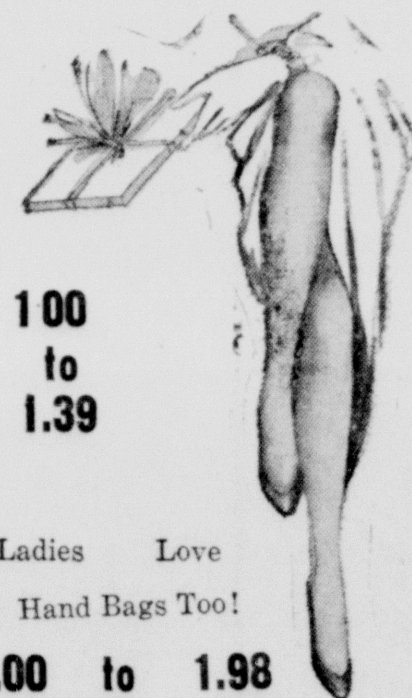
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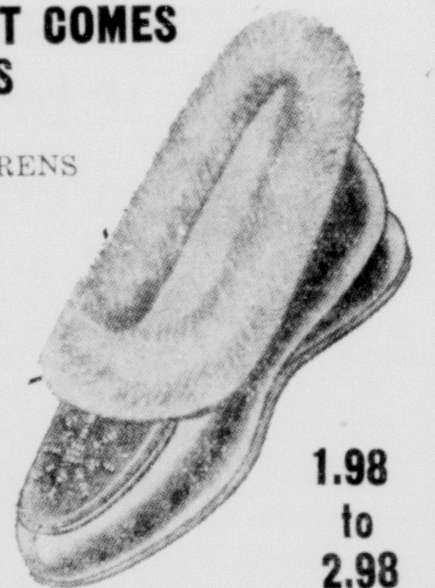
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Mrs. Peck Holds Lead In Ladies League Bowling

Mrs. Lillie Peck again rolled the high individual series, 478 and high individual game, 185 in Sunshine League bowling last week. High average of league was taken by Mrs. Evelyn Burke with 146. Coca Cola took the high team series, 1847 and high team single game, 651.

In the Cam - Rock League last week Annette Mees took high individual series with 500 and Benjie Mayer, high individual game with 297. Annette Mees and Mildred Hollas tie for high league average with 153.

Lone Star Beer won the high team series, 2191 and McDonalds Plumbing the high team single game, 772.

Standings in the Sunshine League to date are:

Falstaff Beer	27	13
Citizens National Bank	25	15
Coca Cola	25	15
Hefley - Stedman	21	19
New Cameron Drug	20	20
Western Auto	17	23
Leader Dept. Store	14	26
Star Lite Club	11	29

Standings in the Cam - Rock League to date are:

McDonald's	28½	11½
Mondrik Minimax	23½	16½
Farm and Ranch Store	23	7
Lone Star Beer	20½	19½
Rockdale Flower Shop	20	20
7-Up	19½	20½
Pearl Beer	13½	26½
Acme Sheet Metal	11½	28½

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SCHOOL MENU

**MONDAY**  
Ham and purple whole peas  
Mixed greens  
Fruit Cobbler  
Corn bread and butter  
Milk

**TUESDAY**  
Chili with spanish rice  
Green beans  
Hot rolls and butter  
Jello and milk

**WEDNESDAY**  
Hamburger on buns with lettuce mustard and onions  
Potato Chips  
Apple Cobbler and milk

**THURSDAY**  
Cream turkey over rice  
Baked corn  
Apple and carrot salad  
Hot rolls, butter and honey

**FRIDAY**  
Fish sticks with catsup  
Fresh greens  
Corn bread and butter  
Rice pudding  
Milk

Legal Notice

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO FRED HEINTZ, ONE OF THE DEFENDANTS IN THE HEREINAFTER STYLED AND NUMBERED CAUSE.

You are hereby COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable District Court of Milam County, Texas, to be held at the Court House of said County in the City of Cameron, Milam County, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty two (42) days from the date of issuance hereof; that is to say, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. Monday the 9th day of January A. D. 1961, and answer the petition of Mary Ann Lanier, joined by her husband Alfred O. Lanier, Marian Heintz, Loretta Heintz, Edna Lois Heintz, and Mirian Jean Heintz, in Cause No. 14952 styled Mary Ann Lanier, et vir, et al vs. Elizabeth H. Rogers, et al, in which the following persons are Plaintiffs: Mary Ann Lanier, Alfred O. Lanier, Mirian Heintz, Loretta Heintz, Edna Lois Heintz and Mirian Jean Heintz, which petition was filed in said County on the 22nd day of November A. D. 1960 and the nature of which said suit is as follows:

Suit for partition of that certain 48.5 acres of land situated in Milam County, Texas, out of the W. G. Walker league and particularly described by metes and bounds in three tracts in deed from J. W. Partridge and wife B. V. Partridge to Frank Heintz, dated August 21, 1909 and recorded in Volume 84 page 318 of the Deed Records of Milam County, Texas, and which said property is owned by Plaintiffs and Defendants.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after the day of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

WITNESS Grady Allen, Clerk of the District Court of Milam County Texas.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT, at my office in the City of Cameron, Texas this 22nd day of November A. D. 1960.

Grady Allen  
Clerk of the District Court  
Milam County, Texas.

ISSUED this 22nd day of November A. D. 1960  
Grady Allen  
Clerk of the District Court  
Milam County, Texas.

Services Held In Austin For Former Tracy Resident

Tracy Resident

Funeral services were held for Marvin Charles, 67, of Austin at 10 a. m. Friday at the Shettes Memorial Methodist Church in Austin.

Burial was in the Capital Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Charles was born in Tracy and lived there until 1947 when he moved to Austin.

The VFW had charge of graveside services.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Virginia Buckingham, a grand daughter; one brother, Otis Charles of Tracy.

Services Held For Mrs. Weathers, 81

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 1 p. m. at Green Funeral Home for Mrs. Delzee Kay Weathers.

Mrs. Weathers was born January 13, 1879, the daughter of Dan A. Cass and Lou Holman Cass. She resided in Milam County most of her life. She passed away in Austin Monday following a lengthy illness.

Services were conducted by Rev. E. J. Strong. Burial was in the Gause Cemetery.

Survivors include one sister Mrs. S. E. Scott of Rockdale; 3 brothers, W. B. Cass of Houston, Dan Cass of Calvert and A. B. Cass of Gause.

Carroll Boecker Tours GE Plant

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Carroll Boecker, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Boecker and a 1955 graduate of Yoe High School, left Monday for an employment interview in Richland, Washington, with the Hanford Atomic Products Division of General Electric Company.

He had a one day tour of the research laboratory facilities, the staff, and returned to Austin on Wednesday.

Boecker is presently enrolled in The University of Texas Graduate School and is to receive a master of science degree in mechanical engineering in January, 1961.

27 Boys, Sponsors To Attend RA Rally

Twenty-seven boys and their sponsors from the First Baptist Church, Cameron, will attend the Regional Texas Baptist Royal Ambassador Rally November 26, at Baylor University, Waco.

After hearing a message by the Rev. B. P. Emanuel or Rev. Stanley Howard, Southern Baptist missionaries to Japan, and touring the Baylor Campus, the group will attend a football game between Baylor and Rice Universities.

The Baylor meeting is the final of four rallies which are expected to attract around 7,000 persons throughout the state, said Robert Chapman, state RA director.

4 - H Notes

By J. D. Moore

Ronnie Kostroun, County - Wide 4-H Club member was elected President of the Milam county Junior Dairy Club at an organizational meeting last week. Ronnie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kostroun of the Marak community. Ronnie won a registered Guernsey dairy heifer in the Houston Dairy Scramble in 1959.

Other officers elected were Martin Jistel, vice president; Carolyn Jistel, secretary - treasurer; Gwendolyn Jistel, Reporter; David McClaren, council Delegate; Benjie Kostroun, Song Leader and Penny Graves, Parliamentarian.

Adult leaders selected were: Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Graves of Sharp; Mr. and Mrs. S. W. McClaren of Marlow Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jistel of Marak; Mr and

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Mrs. Jerry Kostroun of Marak and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Jistel of Ad Hall.

Committee appointed were: PROGRAM — Ronnie Kostroun, Carolyn Jistel and Martin Jistel. MEMBERSHIP — Penny Graves, Michael Rek and Roy Dean Tomasek. RECREATION — Bernard Kostroun, Martin Jistel and Gwendolyn Jistel.

J. D. Moore county agent, discussed the Junior Dairy Production Awards Program. Mrs. Frances H. Johnson showed slides and dis-

cussed Dairy Demonstrations.

Mrs. Johnnie Elsenburg and daughter and son Johnnie Jr. of Cameron were visiting in the home of their grandmother Mrs. W. E. Thomas Sunday.

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**CHRISTMAS 1960**

CAMERON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Consolidated Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements For the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 1960

DESCRIPTION	OPERATING FUNDS											Grand Total
	State and County	Local Maintenance	Transportation	Building Fund	Interest & Sinking Fund	Cafeteria Fund	Activity Fund	Athletic Fund	Tax Fund*			
Cash balance, Sept. 1, 1959	\$ (2,712.56)	\$ (1,758.30)	\$ 5,959.52	\$ 9,962.37	\$ 14,268.66	\$ 362.15	\$ 1,832.84	\$ 241.00	\$ 1,998.67	\$	\$	28,155.68
RECEIPTS												
Local sources	\$ 0	\$ 83,165.60	\$ 166.00	\$ 142.50	\$ 35,653.03	\$ 19,476.42	\$ 11,162.41	\$ 13,207.33	\$ 115,518.42	\$	\$	162,973.29
County sources	\$ 1,071.10											1,071.10
State sources	\$ 133,576.95	\$ 143,206.95	\$ 25,480.00									302,263.90
Federal sources		\$ 36,434.22	\$ 383.54			\$ 5,847.64						5,847.64
Non-revenue sources	\$ 134,648.05	\$ 262,806.77	\$ 26,029.54	\$ 142.50	\$ 35,653.03	\$ 25,324.06	\$ 11,162.41	\$ 13,207.33	\$ 115,518.42	\$	\$	508,973.69
Total receipts	\$ 131,935.49	\$ 261,048.47	\$ 31,989.06	\$ 10,104.87	\$ 49,921.69	\$ 25,686.21	\$ 12,995.25	\$ 13,448.33	\$ 117,517.09	\$	\$	537,129.37
Total fund available												
DISBURSEMENTS												
Administration	\$ 3,529.32	\$ 14,982.88	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	18,512.20
Instruction	\$ 132,272.47	\$ 172,558.95	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	304,831.42
Pupil transportation		\$ 32,785.29	\$ 31,319.87									64,105.16
Operation of plant		\$ 24,574.79										24,574.79
Maintenance of plant		\$ 2,781.71		\$ 3,849.15								6,630.86
Fixed charges		\$ 5,642.08										5,642.08
Student activities		\$ 2,500.00					\$ 12,792.83					15,292.83
Capital outlay		\$ 20.00		\$ 3,526.03								3,546.03
Debt service		\$ 5,995.78			\$ 32,772.34							38,768.12
Transfers						\$ 26,450.22				\$ 117,153.67		0
Food service								\$ 14,913.29				14,913.29
Athletic												
Total Disbursements	\$ 135,801.79	\$ 261,841.48	\$ 31,919.87	\$ 7,375.18	\$ 32,772.34	\$ 26,450.33	\$ 12,792.83	\$ 14,913.29	\$ 117,153.67	\$	\$	523,267.11
Cash balance - Aug. 31, 1960	\$ (3,866.30)	\$ (793.01)	\$ 669.19	\$ 2,729.69	\$ 17,149.35	\$ (764.12)	\$ 202.42	\$ (1,464.96)	\$ 363.42	\$	\$	13,862.26

\*Totals not included in grand totals since this fund is a transfer fund only.



# Courthouse News

**MARRIAGES**  
Bobby Joe Cretchord to Wilm<sup>a</sup> Dean Stewart  
Turner Stanley McCallum Jr. to Miss Lois Ann Rose  
Denson Ford to Miss Mary Ann Galbreath  
Juan Martinez Bessa to Miss Juanita Lara

**NEW CARS**  
Worth A. Modest, Dodge 4 dr.  
H. H. Coffield, Ford 4 dr.  
D. C. Luckey, Ford 4 dr.  
Texaco, Inc. Ford Falcon 4 dr.  
Cravens - Dargan & Co. Ford Tudor  
Robert F. Lewis, Chev. 4 dr.  
F. E. Jackson, Ford 4 dr.  
W. E. Beckhusen, Ford pickup  
Eldee Simank, Chev. 4 dr.  
Hugh F. Smith, Ford Tudor  
Johnnie Ethridge, Olds, 4 dr.  
A. H. Patzke, Ford Pickup  
J. C. Cauthen, Ford 4 dr.  
Anita K. Schofield, Ford 4 dr.  
W. H. Skipwith, Jr. Ford Tudor

**DEEDS**  
Mrs. E. B. Crane and George W. Burkitt to B. W. Clements for \$39,935, consideration, all of the Mariano Moro Survey, Abstract No. 250, in Milam County except for certain tracts listed in deed.  
B. W. Clements to A. E. Bonorden for \$10 and other consideration, all of the Mariano Moro Survey, Abstract No. 250 in Milam County except for certain tracts listed in deed.

E. D. Blackmon and wife to Ben Blaschke for \$10 and other consideration, lot number 8 in the block 2 of the E. P. Lester Addition to the City of Cameron.  
Richard A. Triggs, Jr. and wife to Albert Brazel and Lawrence Vrazel, Jr. for \$11,500 consideration one hundred acres of land in the James A. Bradford survey.  
I. M. Hutchens and wife to Hubert Edmondson Jr. and wife for \$3,750 consideration lot in the city of Cameron out of the D. Monroe Grant.

William E. Morgan and wife to Fred Simank and wife for \$10 and other consideration, lot in the City of Rockdale out of the Hamilton & Raspberry Addition to that city.  
Hugh F. Smith and wife to Alan F. Smith for \$10 and other consideration, lot in the City of Cameron out of the Martha Rogers Addition, a part of the old Rogers Homestead.  
Maysfield Mercantile Company to Slavonic Benevolent Order of the State of Texas, for \$10 and other consideration, lot out of the W. W. Lewis League containing 2 1/4 acres.

D. V. Byrd and wife to J. E. White Jr. and Gene White for \$10 and other consideration, 211 acres out of the J. B. Harvey grant.  
Clarence Buttrie and E. A. Camp, to Mrs. Edna M. Bowling for \$1000 consideration, lot in the town of Thorndale.  
Frank K. Hooker to Maude H. Lantrop for \$10 and other consideration, lots Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 in Block No. 51 of the town of Milano.

Vernon McGuyer and wife to E. L. McGuyer and wife for \$10 and other consideration, a part of lot 3 of block 21 of the City of Rockdale.  
Albina Marak Hrozek and husband to Steve Hrozek, Ervin Hrozek, Ladis Hrozek, Angelina Mondrik, Judith Duffy and Albina Janacek, in consideration of love and affection, 63.7 acres of land on the J. A. DePeau 11 league grant, Lots 1 and 2 Block 13 of the Reese Addition to the City of Cameron; Steven and Bessie Marak lots in the Terral Heights Addition.

Hallie L. White to Dean White for \$10 and other consideration, undivided right, title and interest in and to Lots Nos. 5 and 6 of Block No. 14 of the A. N. Green Addition to the city of Cameron.  
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Mr. and Mrs. Travis Anderson, Michael and Georgena are flying by jet to New York City to spend the Thanksgiving week and attend the wedding of Mrs. Anderson's sister. Georgena will be her aunt's junior bridesmaid.

## Jones Prairie Autumn Weather Brings Weekend Resident Back

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Glenn of Giddings spent the weekend at their country home here.

Mrs. S. S. Hickman is visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Gill in Corpus Christi.

Mr. and Mrs. Pentecost of Calvert visited in the community on Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Burnett visited Mr. Julian Burnett, then went to Marlow to visit Greer Burnett and to Rosebud to visit Brice Burnett on Wednesday. All are on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Swarting of Rosenberg were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Massengale.

Mr. J. H. Burnett is home after being a patient in the Newton Clinic. He is improving nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burnett and children Joyce and Larry spent Thursday with his mother Mrs. A. L. Burnett and Mr. and Mrs. Harry White.

Rex Jones of Corpus Christi spent the weekend at his country home here and visited friends and relatives.

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### INTRODUCING

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Caldwell of San Diego are the parents of a 7 1/2 pound baby girl. She arrived at a Naval Hospital in San Diego at 8 a. m. Nov. 17.

She was welcomed into the family by a sister, 3 and a brother 2.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Pat O'Connell of California and Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Caldwell of Cameron.

## Tracy HD Club Members Attend Workshop, Host Recent Meeting

By Mrs. Florence Spiegler

The members of the Tracy-Duncan HD club who attended the county council "Coffee and tea" workshop at Marlow, served as hostesses to the club meeting held recently at the Tracy Methodist Education Building.

Mrs. George Young served coffee and punch from a table laid in ecru over green and centered with an arrangement of bronze and white chrysanthemums in a nest of magnolia leaves and pine burs. A figure was placed in front of the arrangement.

Mrs. Lenza Caffey served sandwiches.

Mrs. Wavy Charles baked a birthday cake for Mrs. Joe Brown.

Mrs. Otis Charles lead the group in singing.

Mrs. Joe Brown will be hostess for the club's Christmas party on Dec. 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Charles, Mr. and Mrs. John Allen Culp of Temple, Mrs. B. M. Charles and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Mullinax and Mr. and Mrs. John D. Charles of Rockdale attended funeral services for Marvin Charles in Austin.

Murry Gilleland of Dallas was a weekend guest in the Otis Charles home.

## CAMERON CHURCHES ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Rev. Gordon B. Gudger, Jr.  
Vicar

**SUNDAY SERVICES:**  
Holy Communion 9:00 a.m.  
3rd Sunday  
Morning Prayer and Sermon  
9:00 a.m. Other Sundays

**WEEKDAY SERVICES:**  
Evening Prayer 7:30 p.m. Tues.

**FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
15th At Houston  
Rev. E. H. Bradfield, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
C. A. Service 6 p.m.  
Evening Worship 7 p.m.  
Wed Prayer Service 7 p.m.

**BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Lloyd Burleson, pastor

Services each Sunday Morning and evening.

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Preaching Service 11:00 a.m.  
Training Union 6:30 p.m.  
Preaching Service 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening Service 7:00 p.m.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
100 E. Third Ph. OX 7-3525  
Don Frasier, preacher

Bible Classes 10 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
Young People 6:30 p.m.  
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.  
Mid-week Services Wed 7:30

**THE CHURCH OF  
THE NAZARENE**  
709 E. 13th Ph. OX 7-3063

Floyd Hawkins

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Young People 6:45 p.m.  
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
400 W. Main Ph. OX 7-2676

Rev. A. F. Russell, pastor  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Training Union 8:15 p.m.  
Evening Worship 7:15 p.m.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
411 W. Main Ph. OX 7-2357

Rev. C. H. Morris, Minister  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.  
Youth Groups 6:15 p.m.  
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**  
200 W. 2nd Ph. OX 7-2372

E. Jewel Strong

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:55 a.m.  
Evening Service 7:00 p.m.  
Family Night every fourth Wednesday.

**FIRST-PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**  
102 E. 4th Ph. OX 7-2636

Rev. D. C. James, Pastor  
Sunday Church School 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Youth Fellowship 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship Service 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

**FIRST SPIRITUALIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Services 11 a.m.  
Services each 1st and 3rd Sunday.

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Each Sunday In The  
7th and Travis

L. R. Krout, pastor  
Sunday School 8 a.m.  
Church 9 a.m.

**GOSPEL TABERNACLE**  
214 E. Fourth Ph. OX 7-3625

Rev. H. M. Bowley, pastor  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Services 11 a.m.  
Evening Services 7:45 p.m.  
Mid-week Services, Tues. and Thurs. 7:45 p.m.

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Fourth Sunday Services 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

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## Recapturing The Serenity Of A Time Long Ago



Sometimes on a quiet street of a sequestered village, one can sense the tranquility of yesteryear's simple life and sturdy virtues. Today's pace is faster, its problems more complex, but the church, so esteemed by our forebears can still contribute most importantly to our peace of mind. The church remains today as always, the keystone of happy contented living.

### CAMERON CHURCHES

**ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC  
CHURCH**

Rev. John Geiser, Pastor  
Rev. Alfred Kallus, Asst. Pastor

Mass 6 a.m.  
Mass 8:00 a.m.  
Mass 7:15 p.m.

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With Herald  
Want Ads

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## 1. Announcements

**CAMERON LODGE NO. 58**  
MEETS AT 7:30 P.M. EVERY TUESDAY AT THE ODD FELLOWS HALL. ALL MEMBERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND AND VISITING BRETHREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.  
T. C. KIRKSEY, N. G.  
H. B. MCLELLAN, SECRETARY

## Miscellaneous

**BATTERIES**  
\$7.95 ..... \$12.75  
Exc. .... Exc.  
Cars Trucks — Tractors  
Unconditionally guaranteed. Installed FREE anywhere in city limits.  
**JENKINS SERVICE STATION**  
Phone OX 7-2591

**HORSE FOR SALE** — Gentle smooth mouthed cow horse. See or call Alvin Roberts, OX 7-3345. 34-4t

## Miscellaneous

Those good Corsicana Fruit Cakes are being sold by the CWF of the First Christian Church. Call OX 7-2196 or OX 7-3925. 33-3tc

**FOR SALE** — Used refrigerator with deep freezer across to p. Call OX 7-3695. 30-3tc

## 5. Real Estate

**FOR SALE** By owner, 3 bedroom home on two lots in Green Addition. Call OX 7-3518. 31-3tc

**FOR SALE** — 153 acres mixed land, house out buildings, 12 miles northeast of Cameron. Plenty of water. See Hubert Shuffield, 1408 N. Travis, Cameron. 33-2tp

Equity in 2 bedroom home in Thordale. Reasonably priced. Good home or investment. See Lester R. Lewis. 32-4tp

**FOUR room house with bath for rent.** On one acre lot. Mrs. Joe Dusek, OX 7-2149. 32-4tc

## 5-C Milam Listings

**FOR SALE** — Lot, 105 by 105 feet located in Green Addition. Price \$1500. Phone OX 7-2722. 30-3tc

## 6. Houses For Rent

**FOR RENT** — My house on Waco highway across from Drive-In. Water furnished. Plot of ground for garden if wanted. See Mrs. Clark Kelley, OX 7-2397. 35-3tc

## 7. Apartments

**FOR RENT** — Unfurnished modern apartment for couple. 105 East 7th or call OX 7-2239. 34-4tc

**FURNISHED APARTMENT** — Comfortably furnished duplex apartment. 607 East 6th St. Phone George Childress OX 7-2112. 32-3tc

**FOR RENT** — Small furnished house at 1404 N. Central. Call OX 7-3695. Also unfurnished house. 30-3tc

**UNFURNISHED duplex apartment for rent** at 301 North Central. See Mrs. Clara Thomas, 502 East 12th or call OX 7-2606. 32-3tc

**FURNISHED 4 room apartment for rent.** 100 B East 7. Call OX 7-2230 or OX 7-2531. 32-3tc

**FOR RENT** — Small furnished apartment, utilities paid. Phone OX 7-2567. Mrs. Gene Smith. 28-3tc

**FOR RENT** — Three room furnished apartment. See Mrs. Bettye Cato, 906 Apt. C N. Fannin. 28-3tc

## 9-C Help Wanted

Experienced waitress wanted, good working conditions. Apply in person, Dixie Cafe, Hearne, Texas. 32-4tc

## Announcements

**BOWLERS** — Bowl in the afternoon (2 till 6) Monday through Friday at 3 games for \$1.00. Get a strike when the Red Head pin is No. 1 and win a free game. Open at one o'clock on Sundays. CAMERON BOWLING LANES.

Attend the Bosque County Short-horn Breeders Sale at Clifton Livestock Commission Co., Clifton, Saturday December 10th, 12:30 p. m. 24 bulls, 34 females, 15 commercial heifers. 35-3tc

## PROOF

**PROVEN PROFIT MAKERS**  
IDEAL H-3-W Layers win the Missouri 3-Year Award for the 2nd Successive Year  
IDEAL H-3-W Layers Top Profit Makers in the Tenth Central New York Random Sample Test  
IDEAL H-3-W Layers Record Highest Average 3-Year Texas Test Income  
IDEAL H-3-W Layers placed 84.6 percent of the time in the FIRST QUARTILE

**Income over feed and chick cost**  
**PROOF OF PROVEN CONSISTENCY**  
Write or ask for folder and price list.  
Bargain! Started pullets available now selling at day old prices.

**IDEAL HATCHERY**  
POULTRY FARM  
Cameron, Texas 34-2tc

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I wish to express my appreciation for the cards and phone calls I received from my friends in Cameron for their expression of sympathy upon the loss of my husband.

I also wish to thank them for their good wishes for my recovery.

Mrs. Eleanor Weinfeld Samet

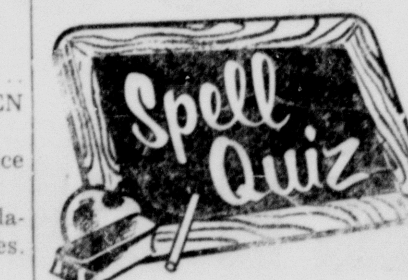
We wish to express our sincere thanks to our many friends for their prayers, flowers, cards, food and other acts of kindness during the loss of our beloved brother.

The family of Clem Zarosky

We wish to express our sincere thanks for the many acts of kindness shown us during the death of our loved one Mr. Eddie June Jr.

We especially want to thank Dr. C. G. Swift, the sisters at St. Edwards Hospital and the Rev. John Pietsch and those who sent messages of condolence, flowers and food or expressed their sympathy in any way. May God bless each and everyone.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: Norman Duffy, Defendant.

Greeting:  
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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Being a suit on promissory notes and for foreclosure of lien on real estate, and a cross action being filed therein by Judith Duffy against Norman Duffy on November 7, 1960 requesting that the Court authorize and permit Judith Duffy to act as a feme sole to protect and control the community property of herself and the said Norman Duffy as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition and defendant Judith Duffy's cross-action on file in this suit.

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# Pecan Food Show Set For Dec. 10

By J. D. Moore  
Milam County Agents

Milam countians are reminded to select a quart jar of pecans for the show to be held in Cameron on Dec. 10. The show will be held in the building formerly occupied by White Auto Store, across from the Post Office, according to Anton Anderle, chairman.

Anderle is calling another meeting of the committee for the night of Dec. 5, to be held in this building to complete plans for the show and to place exhibits in the windows to advertise the show.

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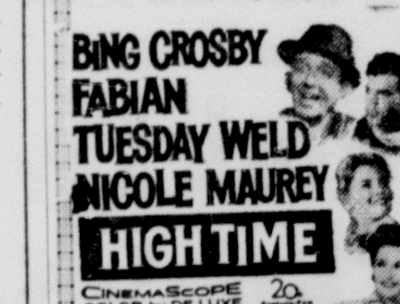


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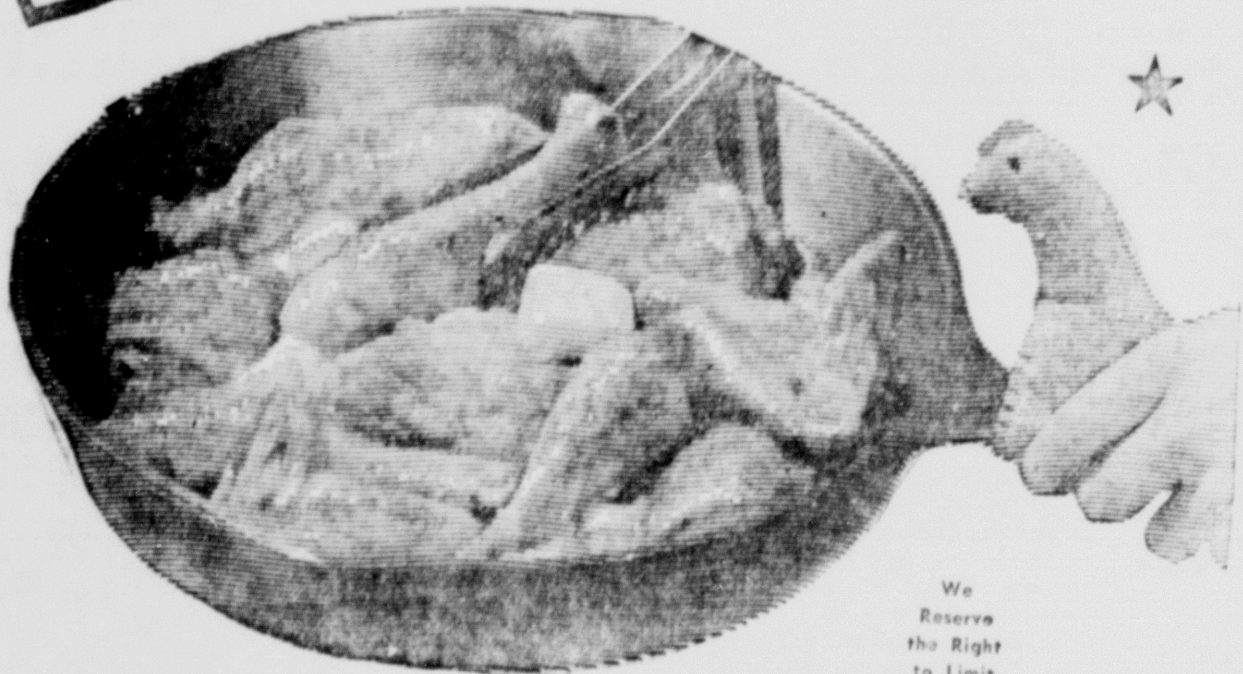


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## Many Take Part In Alcoa Location

Many men and several companies had a part in the location of the Aluminum Company of America's plant at Rockdale, but probably the one who made the biggest contribution was W. W. Lynch, president of Texas Power and Light Company.

He started the chain of events which brought to the attention of Alcoa's officials the possibilities of lignite as a cheap fuel for the production of electric power — and the huge deposits of the mineral here in Milam County.

At that time — early 1951 — the Korean War was causing ever increasing demands for aluminum and Alcoa was planning to build another plant to take care of the need.

The idea of attracting a large

industrial concern to the area, however, had started some time earlier. One of the inducements, Mr. Lynch thought, was the large supply of lignite available in the Sandow area, mostly owned by McAlester Fuel Company of Oklahoma.

Lignite had gradually gone out of favor as a fuel, losing out to natural gas. Since it contained about one-third water, it was hard to burn, and made an inefficient fuel. As far back as 1949, however, TP&L anticipated that rising fuel costs might reverse this trend. Mr. Lynch said, and at that time sponsored a research program to be carried out by the Bureau of Mines in Denver to try to work out a more efficient and economical method of using lignite.

After two years of research, the Bureau completed the development of a new process, named the Parry process after V. F. Parry, chief of the coal branch, who directly supervised the work. The method, which crushed and dried the lignite before burning, greatly increased its efficiency and heating value.

About this time Mr. Lynch also requested and obtained an agreement with McAlester Fuel Company's president, J. G. Puterbaugh, that made their lignite reserves available in a plan to locate a large industry in this area if one could be found.

"With Dr. G. H. Anderson, consultant for TP&L," the Rockdale Reporter said in its April 22, 1954 issue, when describing the subsequent search, "Mr. Lynch called on the Apex Smelting Company in December of 1950. This company, manufacturers of aluminum alloy which is sold to fabricators, was interested in the proposal that TP&L would make available the Sandow lignite reserves and the newly developed process for handling lignite, and would act as their agent in constructing and operating a power plant for their processing needs."

"Their investigations indicated that the proposal made by TP&L for power supply was entirely practicable, Mr. Lynch said. However, the Apex Company was unable to make satisfactory price contracts for the sale of aluminum ingots and voluntarily withdrew from the picture."

"Mr. Lynch and Dr. Anderson then approached the Aluminum Company of America at the company's headquarters office in Pittsburgh, offering this company the same proposal made to Apex. Alcoa expressed an interest, conducted an investigation and decided to do business with Texas Power and Light Company."

"The negotiations were handled for TP&L Company by Mr. Lynch, Vice President George W. Beams, General Counsel F. M. Ryburn and Dr. Anderson."

Earlier Mr. Lynch had contacted Congressman W. R. (Bob) Poage of Waco to get his support of the project. Rep. Poage followed through on the Alcoa negotiations and was largely instrumental in securing federal approval and the necessary Government certificates for its establishment.

Other men and corporations fell into line and contributed their efforts. But it was the Texas Power and Light Company's president who had set the ball rolling.

## 20,000 Visit Alcoa Opening

"Oo, my aching feet!"

That remark, in varying forms, was repeated more than a few times on a certain Saturday and Sunday about five years ago — April 24 and 25, 1954. The place was the Aluminum Company of America's Rockdale Works new smelting plant, and it was said — with feeling — by many of the more than 20,000 visitors who streamed through the huge industrial concern during its dedication and open house.

The remarks were justified, because the walking tour of the plant which was planned for the visitors covered more than a mile and a half.

But the discomfort to corns and bunions was worth it. Because what the visitors were seeing was slightly fabulous. The plant itself — a huge 100 million dollar installation — was unusual enough here

in an agricultural area; but also there was the careful advance planning that had been done to take care of the crowd of visitors.

Even the crowd was larger than had been expected. The Rockdale Reporter, in its special edition on Thursday, April 22, 1954, just before the big event, had a headline reading: "Over 10,000 Expected For Opening Rockdale Works."

The total was more than twice that — over 20,000 visitors came during the two days.

Saturday, the opening day, was set aside as family day, when Alcoa employee's families had their first chance to visit the plant and see it in operation. The dedication program — a short 30 minute ceremony — also was held then.

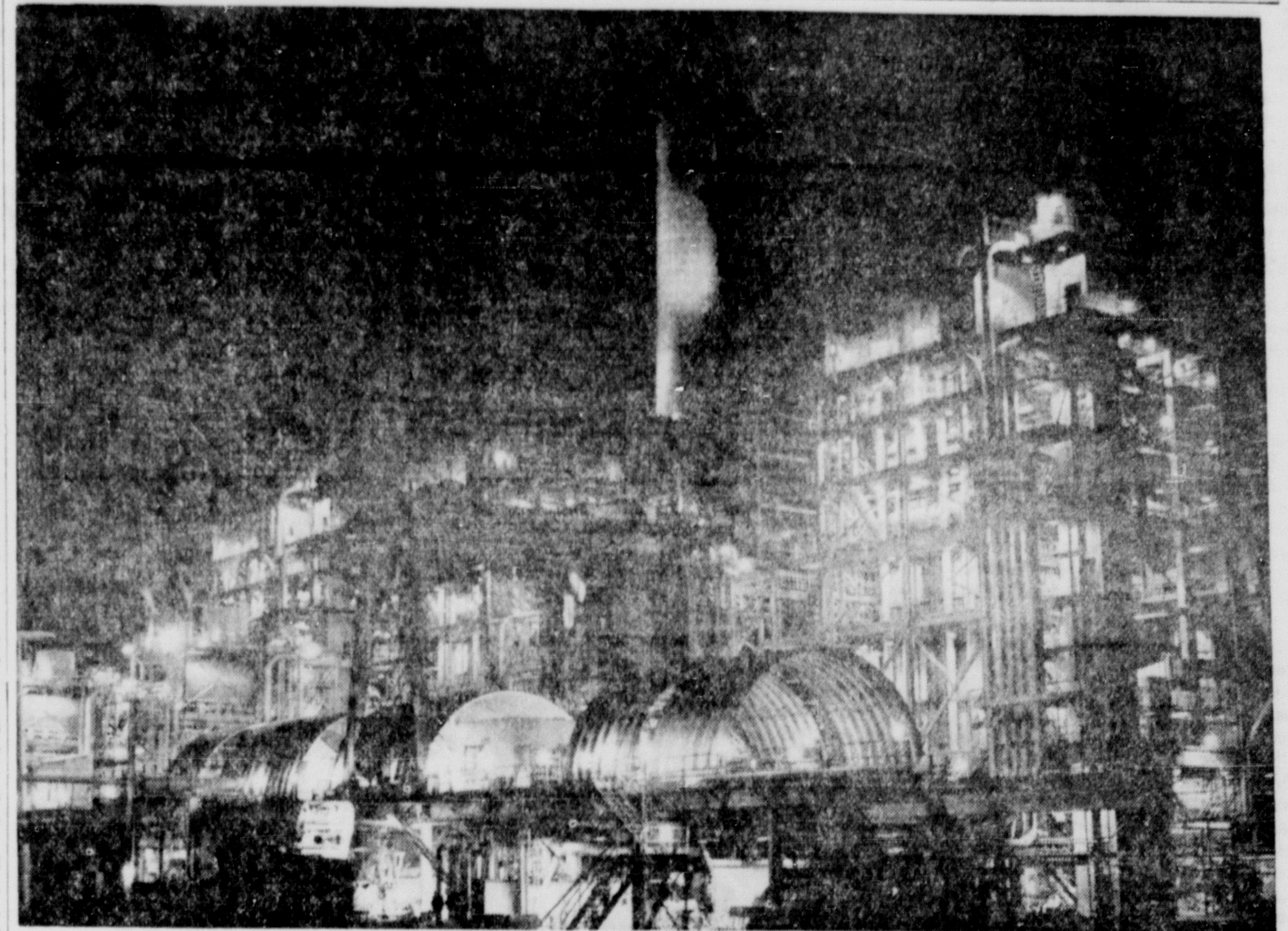
Speakers at the dedication were Governor Allan Shivers, Alcoa Vice-President F. L. Magee, Texas Power and Light Company President W. W. Lynch and Rock-

dale Works Manager J. D. Harper. Rev. R. T. Sager gave the invocation.

The Rockdale High School Band played musical numbers, and the ceremonies were broadcast over KTAZ, Taylor's radio station.

The real rush came on Sunday when the plant was open for inspection by the general public. Alcoa's officers and employees were almost overwhelmed by the crowds that swarmed all over the plant during the visiting hours. For much of the time automobiles moved bumper to bumper along the highways leading to the parking areas as more and more people continued to come.

And that was the way Alcoa's Rockdale Works was officially launched on its career — what the Reporter called "the biggest thing that has happened to Rockdale in its history."



**GENERATING POWER** — This night view shows Sandow Power Plant where the lignite produces steam to drive turboelectric generators. Large amounts of

electrical power are used in the production of aluminum at the Rockdale Alcoa plant.

## Lignite Story Boasts Ups, Downs

Lignite — the so-called "brown coal" — has been one of the important sources of Milam County's income for almost three quarters of a century, but a graph of its economic history would show more ups and downs than a roller coaster.

For the past half dozen years the trend has been up, sometimes with the line running almost straight up, twelve o'clock high. There have been few dips.

But it hasn't always been that way.

Lignite's first era of prosperity came before the turn of the century. For a long time it had been known that Milam County contained some of the largest lignite deposits in the United States, and they began to be developed at that time. The output of mines such as Worley, ogel and Sandow located around Rockdale made it into one of the best small business towns in all Central Texas.

Several years later, during the World War I, according to Mrs. Lelia M. Batte in her History of Milam County, it was claimed to be the greatest lignite shipping point in the world.

And in its heyday, from about 1910 to 1920, she stated that from 45 to 50 railroad cars of lignite were shipped out a day.

Most of the history of those early day mining ventures is a hazy now, and the records have been lost. Some of the concerns were locally organized stock companies others were from other parts of Texas or from other states with outside capital.

The early mines were of the conventional underground kind shaft or slope mining — "pick and shovel" mines. Many of the miners were Mexicans who had been brought in from below the border to work in them. And many of the mules and burros that hauled the carts spent their whole working lives underground in darkness without once seeing the light of day.

The International and Great Northern Railroad — now the Missouri Pacific — did a thriving business hauling the lignite to market. Customers not only included industrial plants and business concerns, but also both Texas University at Austin and A & M at College Station burned it as fuel for heating.

The I & G N also was a large consumer, burning it in its freight and switch engines on its Palestine — Houston division, after changes in grades and flues had been made to adapt them to its use instead of "hard" coal. Lignite, however, does not make the best of fuels. It has a high ash content, is high in moisture

— being about one-third water — and consequently is low in heating value.

Therefore, even before World War I its sales began to slacken. The war, with its huge demands for fuel, boosted them again — but only temporarily. After the Armistice the downward trend set in again.

Milam County's lignite mines were losing most of their markets to natural gas as more and more of those fields were brought in Texas in the big post-war drilling boom. Natural gas was not only a better fuel; it was also, in those early days, cheaper. So by the early 1920's the county's lignite companies were facing a serious problem.

It was at this time that J. G. Puterbaugh, President of the McAlester Fuel Company of Oklahoma, became interested in Milam County's lignite, particularly the huge deposits at Sandow.

Puterbaugh was a mining man with a number of years of experience in the Oklahoma and Arkansas bituminous coal fields, and had handled some lignite during World War I. In Sandow he thought he saw the solution to lignite's problem and a way to produce and market it profitably.

Writing in the Rockdale Reporter in their April 22, 1954 Alcoa issue, he explained his entry into the Milam County industry:

"During World War I, Messrs Smith Brothers of Hillsboro, Texas, acquired a mining lease on some 1,500 acres of the Sandow lignite land and built a very crude 6-mile railroad spur from Sandow to a connection with what is now the Missouri Pacific Railroad at Marjorie and entered upon the task of building excavating machinery which they hoped to use in the mining of lignite."

"The job proved to be much more extended and expensive than they anticipated, and long before it was completed, Messrs Smith Brothers ran out of money and abandoned the job. The land they had leased went through the hands of a Receiver and was finally acquired by some of its former owners who asked us if we would not take it over and undertake the job if developing and operating a mine."

"By and with the assistance of Judge E. A. Camp of Rockdale, under date of August 1, 1922, we acquired a mining lease on 1,498 acres of land at Sandow."

What had attracted Puterbaugh to Sandow was the ease with which mining operations could be done. Because, unlike other Milam County mines, Sandow was an underground mine. There the lignite veins were close to the surface, and that was necessary was

to remove the layer of top soil — the overburden — to reach the lignite deposits and scoop it out with power shovels.

"During the following year," Puterbaugh wrote, "we re-built the 6-mile railroad spur, purchased and brought in from Pittsburgh, Kansas, a second hand 3½ yd steam shovel that had already done service for 25 years, purchased a smaller lignite loading shovel equipped with a 2½ yd dipper, and in the month of February, 1924, we produced our first carload of lignite."

This use of machinery instead of hand labor wherever possible — early day automation in a way — was successful in cutting mining costs and indicated Puterbaugh's belief that lignite could be produced cheaply enough to compete with oil and natural gas as fuels.

So during the 1920's McAlester Fuel maintained or expanded its markets and Puterbaugh wrote that the quantity of lignite sold was sufficient to enable it to earn small profits. The average price realized ranged from about 6.5 cents to \$1.00 per ton, f. o. b. cars at the mine.

In 1929 another approach for improving the market for lignite suddenly appeared on the horizon. The Herald, in its August 22, 1929 issue, had this story:

**ROCKDALE MAY GET LIGNITE POWER PLANT**

"The Rockdale Chamber of Commerce through the board of managers — H. C. Meyer, E. A. Camp, J. W. Garner and Ed Gunn — and joined by the entire business interests of the city, has recently begun negotiations with the Texas Power and Light Company for the erection here of a big lignite burning power plant similar to the one operated by the company at Trinidad, Henderson County."

"The action was taken last week when it was learned that the TP&L Company has tentative plans for the location of such a plant in this section."

"H. C. Meyer, president of the Chamber of Commerce, went to Dallas last week and held a conference with officials of the company, and while no definite promises were made, he received considerable encouragement...."

This plan — the building of a large power plant which would serve as a local market for the lignite, eliminating long haul transportation costs — was, of course, the best solution of the problem.

But the 1929 stock market crash came only two months later. It undoubtedly caused TP&L to drop any building plans. The idea was to remain only a dream for another generation.

The 1929 crash and the depression also took its toll of the county's remaining underground mines which had found the going hard even in the prosperous Twenties and they all closed down.

McAlester Fuel Company at Sandow managed to weather the depression. But the production figures for those years tell the story.

In 1925 production was 157,657-73 tons; in 1927, 22,931.29 tons and in 1929 it reached its peak, 315,447.54 tons.

It dropped a little — to 252,508.48 tons — in 1930. But after that the figures were down — 71,177.30 tons in 1933; 105,410.51 tons in 1935; and in 1940 it hit bottom, 22,074.77 tons.

World War II caused production to rise again. But only in the two last war years — 1944 with 137,074.56 tons and 1945 with 100,338.28 tons — did it come near that of the old days.

But post war changes caused the markets to disappear. Railroads used diesels even for their freight locomotives. Industries had all converted to natural gas.

So in 1950 when McAlester Fuel Company lost their last big customer, the University of Texas, Sandow was closed down.

After perhaps sixty years Milam County's lignite production had come to a complete halt.

In his Rockdale Reporter story Puterbaugh wrote:

"By that time we had discontinued mining operations for lack of markets and the outlook was discouraging and it appeared that we were not going to be able to resume the production and sale of lignite for 10, 15 or 20 years, or until the enormous reserves of Texas natural gas had been consumed, or until the price of natural gas should have increased sufficiently to make it possible to produce and sell lignite on a competitive basis."

He had plenty of reason for that estimate. But few attempts to predict the future of an industry have been so promptly proved to be wrong.

Because within less than a year — in June, 1951 — came an announcement that the Aluminum Company of America was planning to build a big 100 million dollar plant near Rockdale — a plant that would use lignite as fuel to generate the electricity needed for its aluminum smelting operations.

And even before construction began on the huge project, Milam County lignite's graph line, which had almost gone off the bottom of the chart, started to climb again.

Lignite has been a part of Milam County's economy for a long time. But surveys which were made several years ago indicate the reserves are tremendous.



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# TP&L Sets Stage For Future Growth

Texas Power and Light Company has been an important part of Cameron's industrial scene since it began operations here more than thirty years ago in November, 1925, and a few months later brought in the first high power line to link the city into its big transmission system.

T P & L entered the utilities field here by acquiring the electric light plant and lines of the Cameron Water, Power and Light Company, the local concern then operating the business.

An old newspaper story reported it this way under date of November 3, 1925:

"The City Council, Wednesday night, approved the transfer of the city light and power franchise from the Cameron Water, Power and Light Company which owns large power stations at Trinidad, Waco and Houston. The water franchise was taken over by Henderson and Lawrence, pending an amendment of their charter or the organization of a new company to furnish water in accordance with their present franchise. This was done in view of a deal which will be effective by December 1st, between the parties named."

"This deal, which is a merger, rather than a sale, will give Cameron increased power and light, facilities and lower rates, made possible by enormous production."

"The new company," the story added, "has bought the generators and other light and power equipment and will operate the plant as usual, at prevailing prices pending the installation of the high line. This line connects Temple, Cameron and Brenham and runs from there to Houston. It will be independent of the Buckholts - Rogers line."

Although the entry of TP&L here in 1925 marked the beginning of modern power development for the town, Cameron had had the advantage of electric service for perhaps thirty years before that time.

The earliest use of electricity in Cameron seems to have occurred about 1892. According to old records the Cameron Oil Mill installed a generator which was powered by their cotton gin engine and generated electricity for their own use. Wires also were run to serve the Milam County Bank.

This, however, apparently was a private project, and was not intended to be a light and power plant for the community as a whole.

The first effort along that line came two or three years later when the Cameron Water, Power and Light Company was organized. In a short history of the early electrical industry which E. A. Werlla compiled for TP&L in

1941, he gave this account:

Cameron City Council in their meeting February 11, 1895, (Minute Book No 2, pages 122 - 123) grants a franchise to the Cameron Water, Power and Light Company, C H Yoe, President, and C W Lawrence, Secretary, for a period of 25 years from February 4, 1895, for operation of a Water Works and Electric Light Plant and this franchise provided that the Electric Light Plant must be completed on or before October 1, 1895. City records indicate that Water Works was immediately constructed, but construction of Light Plant apparently was dropped."

Despite this, however, some records show that Cameron probably did begin to receive electric service that year. Because another concern, Goldthwaite and Company already was operating a light plant in the city.

And on September 16, 1895, this company made application to the City Council for a 25 year franchise, but this application was tabled. On May 11, 1896, however, a resolution was passed to draw up an ordinance granting them a franchise - and Council Meeting November 16th, 1896, Book 2, page 238 - 239, granted Goldthwaite and Company a 50 year franchise.

"The date of first service could not be verified," Werlla said, "but minutes of City Council did show payments for electric service to Goldthwaite and Company during the years 1895, 1896 and 1897."

Sometime in the next four years the electric plant changed hands, being bought by Cameron Water, Power and Light Company from Goldthwaite. No records of the transfer remain. But the City Minute Book beginning with February, 1901, shows payments by the City for electric light service to the Cameron Power and Light Company, indicating the change of ownership took place before that date.

Those early days of the electric industry were considerably different from today. Service was unreliable. And in a good many towns and cities the use of electricity was limited to only a few bedtime. And one day each week hours a day, usually from dusk to wives, designated as ironing day.

Whether or not Cameron's early day service was like that the old records don't show. But it did have one unusual feature. In a contract dated December 21, 1896, the city of Cameron gave Goldthwaite and Company the right to install four 1400 candle power arc lights for street lighting. These lights were to be on from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. during the months from March to September and from 7:30 p.m. to daylight during the rest of the year. But the contract contained a "moonlight" clause

which provided that when there was a half - moon or over or when the moonlight was sufficiently bright, the lights could be turned off.

Up until 193 electric service was supplied to towns and cities by locally operated plants. That year, however, came a change when Texas Power and Light Company pioneered with the first transmission line here in Texas.

TP&L was organized and began its operations in 1912. Their first line ran from Waco to Hillsboro and on to Waxahachie and from Hillsboro to Fort Worth. By the end of 1913 they served 27 towns and had 196 miles of transmission lines in that area.

Today TP&L has approximately 18,000 miles of transmission and distribution lines that serve a 52 county area in Central and North Texas with 466 towns and communities.

Since its acquired the power and light utilities here in Cameron in 1925, TP&L also has grown and expanded throughout Milam County. It now serves most of the towns and communities, including - in addition to Cameron - Minerva, Milano, Sharp, Tracy, Marak, Yarrellton, Buckholts, Rockdale, and Thorndale. Many of the county's farms and ranches also

are served by its lines.

As early as 1929 the Company was considering erecting a large power plant in Milam County near Rockdale which would burn lignite as fuel. Although this plan was dropped, TP&L did acquire a tract of about two thousand acres near Minerva and build a large sub - station there.

And in 1951 it built and has operated the huge Industrial Generator Plant at Sandow for Alcoa. This plant generates enough electricity, used in Alcoa's aluminum smelting operations, to supply six cities the size of Austin.

During a 15 year period the Company doubled the number of its customers in the Cameron area. In 1940 it had 1,600 customers using 2 1/2 million kilowatt hours of electricity. In 1955 there were 3,200 customers using 10 million kwh - four times as much as only 15 years before.

Today TP&L serves more than 6200 customers in Milam County. TP&L is proud of three things - the lower rates it has brought to Cameron - the awards it has won for outstanding work in the utilities field - and its safety record for its employees.

Figures on the rate reduction show that before TP&L acquired the local plant the residential rate

for 150 kwh was \$18.50, but after the Company began operations it was cut to \$14.50 then twice again and today is \$6.01.

Of the several awards it has received during the past few years the Company is proudest of the Charles A. Coffin award which was established over 30 years ago in honor of GE's first president. This award is presented to the utilities company making the greatest contribution to the area it operates in. TP&L received it for development of lignite as a fuel.

The Company also is very proud of its safety record and the fact that it has received first award during two years by the National Safety Council. In 1953, for instance, there were 5 1/2 million man hours with no lost time from accidents.

Today light and power service has become so much a part of modern life it is taken for granted.

Quite a little different from the early days when it was getting started - at least, to judge from one of Cameron's long ago papers, the Texas Broncho.

In the January 17, 1896, issue, a yellowed copy of the weekly which has been preserved, the editor made this comment: "Electric lights would be a mighty handy institution these dark nights. Don't you think?"

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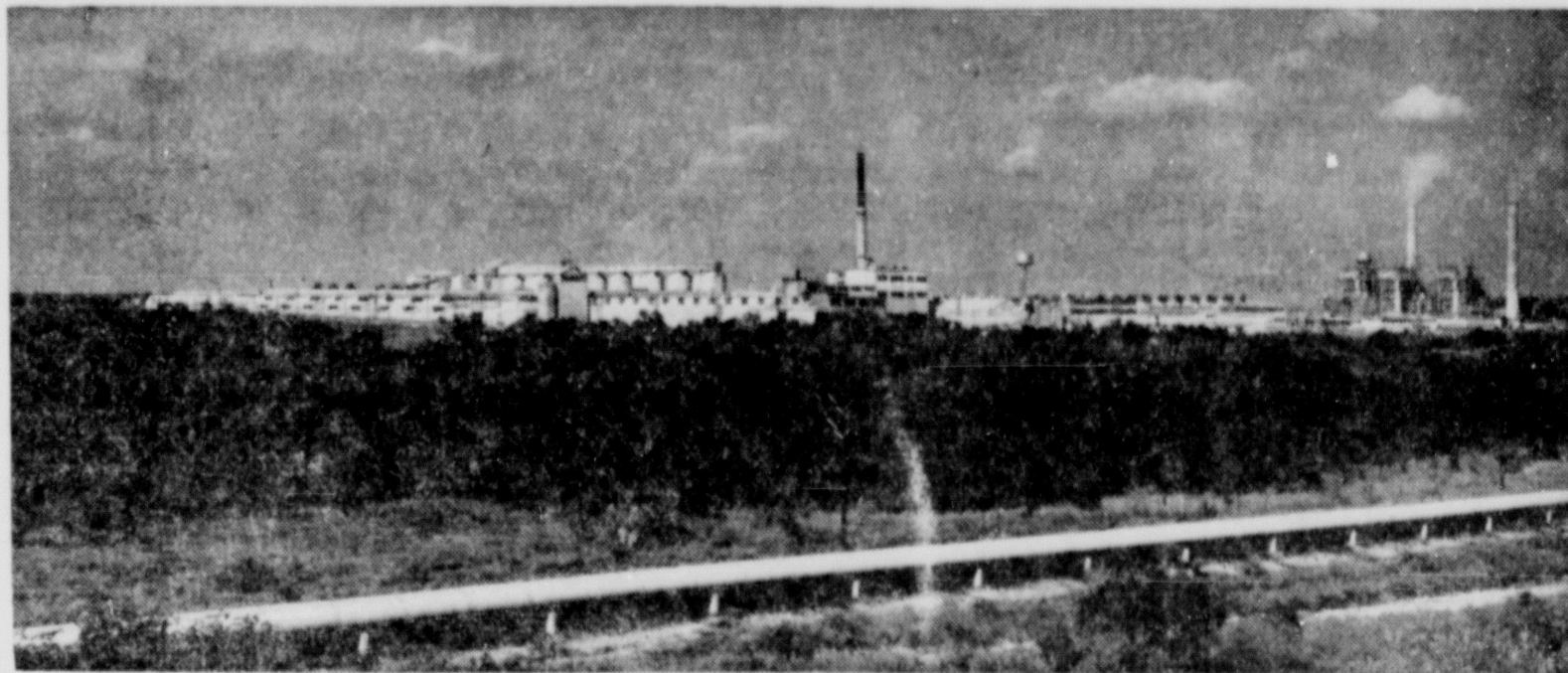
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ALCOA PLANT — This profile shot of the Rockdale Works shows the Alcoa smelting plant at left and the Sandow power plant at right which generates electricity for the potlines. The conveyor in the foreground

transports lignite from the fuel area to the power plant. The Rockdale Works, built in the early 1950's and expanded in 1956, has an installed capacity of 750,000 tons of aluminum per year.

# **6-Mile Railroad Carries Long History, Big Traffic**

The Rockdale, Sandow and Southern Railroad, 6 miles long, lacks something in the way of size in comparison with other Texas railroads, but it can compare favorably with most of them in the way of history — and in traffic.

Construction was started on the line by the Federal Fuel Company in 1918. It connected with the I&GN tracks at Marjorie and ran to Sandow lignite fields. But the Federal Fuel Company got into financial difficulties and went bankrupt, and so it was only after the McAlester Fuel Company took it over that it went into operation. According to the records, there first car of lignite went out of Sandow on Christmas Eve, 1923.

In lignite's prosperous era during the 1920's, the railroad's rolling stock was built up to include five locomotives. These hauled as many as 6,552 carloads of lignite a year over the R S & S tracks.

At first the engines burned bituminous coal shipped in from Oklahoma. This must have seemed incongruous — McAlester Fuel

Company being engaged in mining lignite and the railroad hauling it — so something was done. The R S & S's general manager, John M. Weed, after making some experiments with grates and drafts, found a way of successfully burning lignite in the fuelboxes of the engines.

Although the railroad was built primarily for freight traffic, it did have a passenger "train" — an old Pierce-Arrow sedan which had been converted to run on rails. This was to comply with the terms of the franchise to haul passengers the line had obtained. But there were very, very few passengers that ever rode old No. 26 on its daily round trips as required by law. Less than twenty in twenty years.

The Rockdale, Sandow and Southern declined along with the decline of lignite, which gradually lost its markets to oil and natural gas as more and more of those fields were brought in the state. The railroad finally stopped operation. All of its rolling stock was sold or scrapped except for No. 26

and No. 3, one of the freight locomotives.

Both of these went back into service for a time when, in 1951 Alcoa began construction of its Rockdale Works plant and the P S & S was put back into operation. No. 3 was resurrected from a siding and worked until it was replaced by twin diesels and retired for good. Old 26 was used to carry the section gang back and forth to work, but it is retired now also, kept in a corner of the shop as a relic of the old days. The R S & S no longer has a passenger franchise.

Some of the other equipment was sold to Hollywood movie studios and appeared in a number of old time Westerns.

The R S & S is equipped with diesels now. Diesel locomotive No. 6 came from the Massena Terminal Railroad Company at Massena, New York — No. 7 from the Point Comfort and Northern Railroad at Port Comfort, Texas. The line's maintenance crew keeps them in repair in the shops at Marjorie. Only one locomotive works at a time.

# **Ziegfeld Plays Indirect Role In Naming RR**

Florenz Ziegfeld, the producer whose fabulous Follies shows during the 1920's made history on Broadway, it is likely, never knew anything whatever of lignite mining in Milam County.

So it should have been a surprise to him that he had had a hand, indirectly, in naming the county's largest lignite mine.

But Sandow was named after the strong man whom Ziegfeld, earlier in his career, had publicized and made famous McAlester Fuel Company officials, according to the legend, selected the name because they hoped their mine would have the strength of Sandow.

Before that, the locality was known by two other names. The first was Millerton, after a family of that name who lived nearby. It was a trade post on an early day stage and freight line that came up from Matagorda to the interior of the state.

Mule drivers who traveled this route gave it its second name — Freezeout. During their stopovers they liked to indulge in Millerton's forms of entertainment.

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# Milam's Oil History Is 40 Years Old

The discovery of the Minerva-Rockdale shallow field in 1921 definitely established Milam as one of Texas' oil producing counties and has kept it on that exclusive list for almost forty years - but it was the climax of a good deal of exploration and several oil strikes before that date.

Oil, like gold, seems to be able to endure up visions of wealth and prosperity. So in those years before World War I when hard times followed short crops, it is easy to understand why people should look hopefully at this new source of income for the county - even, now and then, become a little "oil happy."

about the first attempts to find oil in Milam County. One of the first serious efforts, however, was on the Doss property west of Rockdale. An account of this appears in the Herald's February 12, 1914 issue from a Rockdale Refinery story, under this somewhat optimistic headline:

**MAKING PROGRESS IN OIL DRILLING**

Developments in the Rockdale Oil Field Indicate Something Will Be Doing Soon

The progress made at the oil well the past week has been slow in one sense of the word," the old story said, "and yet those most interested are quite satisfied. An exceedingly hard strata of rock has been successfully passed, followed by an unusually tough strata of black shale, and the drill was yesterday in a hard white shale.

Added to the other trouble was the frequent breaking off of pipe through excessive magnetism, and the utmost care has been necessary to prevent a blow-out which is an occurrence quite likely to be encountered at any hour, according to driller Dave Hornbeck.

With all these troubles the well had yesterday reached a depth of 10 feet, and Mr. Hornbeck thinks that there will be developments before the 1100 foot mark is reached."

The developments didn't occur. The next mention of the well, in April, said it was drilling at 1500 feet, and finding only traces of oil and gas. The stockholders still had enough faith in it, however, to refuse an offer from a foreign syndicate to take over the well and pay back their drilling expenses.

The discovery of the spectacular Thrall field just across the line in Williamson County the next year was the thing that gave impetus to drilling in Milam County. Thrall set up a chain reaction of interest in oil throughout this whole area. In its February 25, 1915 issue the Herald reported the news of the first big strike.

**STRONG OIL GUSHER DRILLED NEAR TAYLOR**

Tools are being run well at depths of 700 feet and oil rises 20 feet.

"Taylor Tex., Feb. 21 - At a depth of 700 feet an oil gusher was brought in at 9 o'clock today on the Fritz Lucas farm, two miles south of Thrall. This afternoon the well gushed to a height of 120 feet. The oil men were hard at work stopping the well. The product of the well tests 20.10 per cent pure paraffin oil.

Work was begun on the drilling of the deep well at Thrall just a week ago. The cap rock was two feet in thickness. It was only possible for the drillers to go a short distance in the oil sand before the drill was lifted out of the well by the force of the oil and gas.

The present well was drilled by Lee Lanham, an expert oil prospector. Those interested in the project are: Dr. T. D. Henderson, Jr., P. Sessions, Dr. R. M. Wallis, H. C. Vance, H. Ashby, J. T. Mars, Will Garner and J. S. Perry of Rockdale.

Experts believe the Thrall field will prove to be the most faithful in Texas."

Such news is the kind that oil booms are built on, and it set off a wave of excitement all across Milam County. Only a week later the Herald had a story on one of its repercussions.

"The bringing in of the Thrall oil well," it said, "has started a renewed interest in the Doss field six miles west of Rockdale. The members of the Rockdale Oil and Gas Company which promoted the latter proposition last year have been as busy as a dog with the fleas the last few days. Renewed leases have been taken and it will be only a short while before drilling is under way out there by J. T. Leech and was a deep test. Other operators were the Cal-

ifornia Traders Oil Company, the White Oil Company and the locally organized Cameron Oil and Refining Company.

This was only the forerunner of the boom. By early 1920 it had reached the proportions of making Cameron into an oil town ranked almost with Lake Charles, La., Houston and Rockport. The Thrall field was still expanding and it was an oil operator's dream. A pamphlet published by the Herald a year or two later said of it:

"The Tracy field is located west of the San Gabriel and south of the Little River where 85 wells were drilled to depths of 265 feet in 1919. There were no dry holes drilled, each well producing some oil."

The wells produced from 2 to 5 barrels - hardly making them gushers, but that seemed to have no effect on the boom. Oil men and geologists generally were of the opinion the shallow field was only an indication of better deep pay elsewhere in the county. The influx of operators, investors and lease men from everywhere increased in volume. And the citizens of Cameron, accustomed to seeing mostly Model T Fords on their streets, suddenly found the town swarming with Cadillacs, Porsches - Arrows and Packards as more and more oil men began arriving on the scene.

Petroleum Kings Watch Fields Of Milam County, Syndicate From New York Buys Oil Leases Here, Tulsa Operator Visits Field.

Sounding in Deep Test, Milam Field Will Gusher In New Field Of operations ran some of the headlines on the front page of the Herald.

And some high prices for leases were reported. The Dixie-Winner oil Company of Temple paid \$11,500 for a 115 acre lease in the Tracy field, and one on a 100 acre Graves tract was sold to Col. E. Mays of Tulsa, Oklahoma for \$35,000.

The boom had lost most of its momentum, however, by midsummer of 1920. Just before that happened the Herald, in its May 20 issue, reported:

**MINERVA STRUCTURE WILL BE DEVELOPED BY OKLAHOMA MEN**

"The first drilling equipment to be used in developing the Minerva

oil section of Milam County was to be shipped from Tulsa, Oklahoma last week by the Oklahoma-Bell Oil Company, with headquarters here in Rogers, Texas.

An announcement is made of this project by Sam Henderson of Tulsa, who has been in Cameron since late in 1919 securing leases for the company.

The company has leases at Minerva and will be the first well there on the Minerva structure which has been pronounced the heart of the shallow field which extends down east and northeast from Tracy. Operators feel confident of good shallow wells at Minerva."

This, of course, was the well that was to open up the big Minerva field. But at the time it received little attention. The boom was waning fast, and except for a little drilling in the Tracy field, operators were losing interest in Milam County.

That old pamphlet recounted the history of the well the following year:

"It was discovered in the drilling of the wells at Tracy that the dip of the pay sands was to the east and southeast, and about June 1920, a company was organized by Mr. Sam Henderson of Oklahoma and the company was financed in Rogers, Texas, after a large block of acreage was secured out of the Robert Isaacs and Ben McChilton farms, one and one-half miles northeast of the town of Minerva. The wells is the man who brought in the first well at Thrall, and he re-state that he has every confidence in the future of the Tracy field. This well will be drilled to the Austin Chalk, which is known as a deep test. Mr. Fritz Fuchs himself is interested in the field and he proposes to become one of the operators. Jimmy Miller in a receipt of a letter from Hindeman and Keeble who opened up the big gusher district at Goose Creek stating that they intend going up here as soon as possible. The large oil company scouts have been quietly securing leases and are ever present. This all spells oil field at Milam County.

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# 484 Wells Produce In Milam Field

Today, almost forty years after its discovery, the Minerva-Rockdale shallow field has 484 producing wells and more are being drilled. The field's production for the year 1959 was 17,250 barrels. The total accumulative production for the field, as of January 1, 1959, was 4,419,006 barrels.

The field today stretches in a broad belt for more than a dozen miles across central Milam County, running from just south of Little River to within the city limits of Rockdale. A number of wells also have been drilled in other areas.

A farm to market road called the Oil Road winds for several miles through the older part of the field, and anyone who travels along it is struck by the contrast of the modern and the old days. On a lease, for instance, a shiny new storage tank will stand beside a rusty weather-beaten older one that probably has been service from the early 1920s. And there is as much difference in the pumps which transfer the oil from the well into the storage tanks.

Most of the modern pumps use electricity where a power line is available. Some others are powered by gas engines which obtain their fuel from the well.

But still in use is the "grass-hopper jack" pump of the early days of the field, as much an anachronism as a Model T Ford. It is usually connected to two or four by steel or wire cables sometimes several hundred yards long which are operated by a gas engine in the center.

Since the Minerva - Rockdale connection, its output must be hauled to market. There are two purchasers of crude in the field. The Minerva Refining Company, owned by H. H. Coffield of Rockdale, has a small gathering pipeline in the field and until last year used railroad tank cars to ship out the crude from Minerva. A. W. McCullin of Cameron is the other purchaser; he employs transport tank trucks which gather the oil from storage tanks on the various leases and haul it to a refinery in Houston. Coffield also uses transport tank trucks to haul the crude to Rockdale for transfer to rail tank cars since the Southern

Pacific abandoned its old SARAAP rail line between Cameron and Goldsboro.

Transportation of the field's crude to outside markets now is necessary because the refinery at Minerva ceased operations about ten years ago. Built early in 1922 by the Owens Refining Company, it was operated by them during the early years of the Minerva field and its gasoline and oils were sold in local filling stations. It was sold to the Kent - Middleton Refining Company of Corsicana in 1925. That company reportedly paid \$130,000 for it and about properties in the field, and spent several thousand dollars increasing its capacity. The plant changed hands once or twice more. The Central Texas Refining Company acquired it from Kent - Middleton in January, 1929, and it later was sold when Cen - Tex went into oil boom town, with the company, which ceased operations about 1948 or 1949.

The field's most recent period of expansion was about five or six years ago when a new area several miles east and southeast of Minerva attracted the attention of a number of operators. Using the "sandwich" process - a method which makes the oil bearing formation more porous and increases the flow - some good producers were brought in.

The drilling campaign added thirty or more new wells to the field before it slackened. Since then there has been only occasional drilling in the field. Minerva - Rockdale, like all the other Texas fields, has felt the effect of the flood of Middle East oil imports which have all but ruined their markets during the past two or three years.

There is, however, a steady employment of work - over rigs to keep the wells cleared out and producing. The field is holed in some areas by paraffin in the wells. This must be eliminated if they are not to be gradually clogged with it and put out of service.

The Minerva - Rockdale field continues to have a large number of operators, as was the case during its first period of development. Some are out of county companies; Houston - Oklahoma Oil Company of Houston is one of these. Others are local operators here in the county, such as A. W. McCullin of

Cameron and J. H. Coffield of Rockdale. And there are independent drillers, such as T. Y. McCormack of Minerva, a long time operator in the field since he came to Milam County from Oklahoma in 1921.

In addition to these, drilling contractors now active in the county include Tom Bitchan of Milano, Ernest Schneider of Rockdale and Misco Oil Corporation of Temple, all three being drillers and producers. H. W. Witt of Cameron and N. G. Hawkins of Waco are two drilling contractors operating in the field. L. E. Mitchell of Seguin is drilling on a lease northwest of Rockdale. And the General Crude Oil Company of Houston recently brought in three producing wells in a new area several miles southeast of Rockdale. The Rimrock Tidelands No. 1 W. F. Crawford, in the Clarkson area, was plugged at 7,003 feet in 1956. And two years later - 1958 - the General Crude Oil Company No. 1 P. H. Perry, six miles south of Milano and near the Burleson County line, was abandoned after being drilled to 12,700 feet and through the Smackover. General Crude drilled two more deep

Most successful of these deep wildcats in the area later and plugged them back and completed them as shallow producers.

All of this drilling activity, together with the steady production of the shallow field, has had the result of keeping a large part of the land in Milam County under lease. Thousands of acres have been formed into lease blocks from time to time during various drilling campaigns. Considering other acreage has been under lease for years where there is little or no expectation of early development. And many landowners have come to look upon the annual lease or rentals as a dependable part of the farm income.

Perhaps some future wildcat will be drilled and hit the so far exclusive deep pay, bringing in a major oil field. Perhaps not. But at least one thing seems fairly certain, in a business full of uncertainties, and that is the Minerva-Rockdale shallow field will continue to be a major source of Milam County's income for a long time to come.

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Some tourists have been heard to respectfully comment that the visit to Hostyn was "worth a month to be found in the entire country."

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# LONE STAR GAS COMPANY



# Milam Lignite Makes Power

In one way Alcoa's Rockdale Works was different from other big industrial plants, whether aluminum smelting or otherwise. It was a pioneer in the large scale use of lignite as fuel.

Before Alcoa, aluminum smelting plants had depended on water power or burned natural gas or oil for the steam turbines that produced the electricity they needed. The use of lignite was new. A whole new method of handling the "brown coal" all the way from the lignite deposits at Sandow to the Industrial Generator power plant had to be devised and put into operation.

Just that operation alone — getting the lignite out of the ground and to the power plant several miles away — was a complicated process. . .

The lignite deposits at Sandow

lie relatively close to the surface. All that is necessary is to strip off the layer of top soil — the overburden — varying up to 100 feet thick, to expose the lignite so it can be scooped out by power shovels.

Industrial Generating Company uses four electrically driven draglines in its stripping operations. Two of these are huge machines, with 35 cubic yard buckets and 220 foot booms.

At one "bite" this giant can pick up a load the size of a family one-car garage and dump it more than a city block away.

A power shovel then scoops out the lignite and loads it on huge "haulers" or trucks. These transport it to a 3½ mile long conveyor belt that delivers it to the power plant site to be processed.

Like almost everything else con-

nected with the lignite hauling operation, this rubber conveyor belt system can only be described as huge. It was built especially for Alcoa's Rockdale Works, and the Company says it is one of the world's longest overland conveyors in operation today. It is designed to have a maximum capacity of more than 1,000 tons of lignite per hour.

The gallery structure carrying most of the belt and idler system is made of aluminum, and so are the tilting covers that shield the system.

At the power plant site the lignite is deposited in several storage "silos" by the conveyor belt system. It then is carried to hammer-mill crushers which grind it to usable size — about one-quarter inch — to make it ready for the drying process, and again stored until required.

# Aluminum Ore Smelted In Six Plant Potlines

Aluminum smelting at Alcoa's Rockdale Works is done in six potlines. Four of these are in operation at this time.

The electrolytic process for the

smelting of aluminum is carried on in large carbon-lined steel cells called "pots." Principal ingredients required are alumina, which is obtained by chemical refining

from bauxite ore, cryolite, carbon and large amounts of electricity.

Alcoa describes the smelting process this way: "In the operation of the electro-

lytic cell, cryolite (sodium aluminum fluoride) is first introduced into the cell. After the cryolite, is separated into aluminum and oxygen as the current passes through the bath. The oxygen, liberated at the anode, combines with the carbon to form carbon dioxide gas which escapes through the crust of the bath. Aluminum is deposited on the bottom of the pots. Every two or three days molten aluminum is siphoned from the pots.

The metal is then transported in crucibles to the casting room and is poured into pig molds or placed in holding furnaces.

The aluminum pig is either shipped to Alcoa fabricating plants or to customers. That in the holding furnaces may be alloyed in them and cast into ingots at Rockdale before it is shipped to customers. The plant has a capacity of over 90,000 tons of aluminum a year. In its output tremendously large quantities of electricity are required. Some idea of the amount can be realized when, as Alcoa points out, it takes almost ten kilowatt hours of electricity to smelt a single pound of aluminum.

Bauxite, the ore from which aluminum is produced, comes mainly from mines in Bauxite, Arkansas, and Suriname in South America. However, Alcoa recently completed plans to tap a new source of the ore in the Dominican Republic. It will be brought in regu-

larly by ship from Cabo Rojo beginning this spring. The ore is reddish, white or yellowish in color. It is scooped out by power shovels from open pits and loaded into railroad cars and shipped to refineries. Bauxite used at Rockdale is from the Bauxite Works in Arkansas, and much of it comes in over the lines of the Missouri Pacific Railway. But new refinery at Port Comfort more will later come from Alcoa's Comfort where ore from the Dominican Republic will be processed.

# Sandow Uses Parry Process

A visitor to Alcoa who catches his first glimpse of the nearby Sandow Power Plant which furnishes the huge amount of electricity it needs seldom realizes he is seeing anything but the usual power plant.

But he is. The difference is that the Sandow installation is the first time lignite has been used in a large plant as a fuel for generating electricity for aluminum smelting.

Unlike natural gas, which can be used as fuel "as is", lignite must be processed before it becomes a satisfactory fuel for the boilers.

The method is known as the Parry Process, named after Mr. V. F. Parry of the Bureau of Mines in Denver who invented it. Briefly, it consists of crushing the lignite and then drying it — removing about 700 pounds of water per ton it contains in its natural wet state. Alcoa describes the method this way in its pamphlet: "Crushed raw lignite is moved from the storage silos by a pneumatic closed-loop conveyor system and brought to a hopper located above a screw feed in the drier. The drying process is summarized by Mr. V. F. Parry as follows:

"Products of combustion at about 1500 degrees F. (produced by combustion of dried lignite dust with air and recirculated gases) enter the drier section at a pressure of about ¼ p.s.i.g. The wet lignite is suspended in this drying column in a turbulent state. The fuel to the furnace is regulated automatically to produce a given temperature at the exit of the drying section. About 94 per cent of the dried dust settles out in the primary separator, and the balance of the dust is separated in the secondary cyclone separator, and the balance of the dust is separated in the secondary cyclone separator.

The lignite is burned in the power plant's three boiler turbo-generator units.

These boilers are of the conventional outdoor type and furnish the steam to turn the big turbines. After the steam passes through the turbines it goes through a condenser unit which is cooled by water from Alcoa Lake. Afterwards the distilled water can be recycled back to the boilers for re-use.

The turbine generators are set on reinforced concrete pedestals,

18 feet above ground level. The units are General Electric, with a rating of 80,000 kilowatts. The generator stators, which were shipped in by rail, weigh 180 tons each, and were the largest single-car rail shipments ever brought in this section.

The Sandow Power Plant generates alternating current. This is transmitted through aluminum busbar to the nearby aluminum plant by a Wisconsin company, headed where it is rectified — or converted — to direct current, being stepped down from 13,800 volts alternating to 600 volts direct. Only direct current can be used in the smelting pots.

Standing there beside the big Alcoa lake, Sandow Power Plant may not seem much different to a casual visitor from any other power plant. But he would be surprised to know that at full production it can generate about 240,000 kilowatts of electricity — enough power, Alcoa points out, to light six cities the size of Austin.



ALCOA POTLINE — This workman is at his post on one of the six potlines at the Rockdale Alcoa plant. The aluminum is separated from the bauxite ore in the pots by using electricity.

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# Ben Arnold Starts With Rail Line

The railroads, in their great era of expansion in the latter part of the 1800s, did something more than criss-cross Texas with steel rails. They were responsible for the start of many a town and city along their right-of-way.

Ben Arnold, in north east Milam County, was one of those towns. It had its beginning when

the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad built its line from Giddings to Waco through the area in 1892.

Its founding was described this way in an informal history of the community which Mrs. L. A. Swanzy wrote several years ago at the time of its 60th anniversary: "The J. T. Neison Townsite

Company bought two hundred acres of land along the railroad right-of-way from Bob Todd, Vince Kahler and Charlie Butts. Quin Walker, the County Surveyor, surveyed the land with the help of Wiley and James Murff who carried the chain. They finished the surveying at the first road crossing the railroad north of Ben Arnold and cut across the field to the home of the Murff boys where Mr. Nelson met B. I. Arnold, the notary public, who approved the deeds and handed them to Nelson after the landowners had signed them. Mr. Nelson asked Captain Arnold to name the town. The town was named Ben Arnold in honor of his daughter Bennie Arnold.

"In the summer of 1892, the first train came through and soon the depot was built. Mr. Bob White was the first regular station agent. The railroad commissary for the construction gang under the supervision of Mr. Nelson was completed in May or June of '92. "A lumber yard was started early in the same year by Renolds to have lumber handy to build the depot and commissary, but a small beer joint was the first building erected and it had to close within a month because of the operator's lack of a license."

Despite this somewhat inauspicious beginning, the town's business enterprises grew, as the his-

torical sketch added:

"Mr. Zapp, a Jew, built a dry goods, grocery store and Post Office together in 1892. Joe Amerine built a saloon not long after Jones was caught in 1892 and he bossed it while his brothers Mose and Willie helped him. Mitt Henson took over the saloon before 1913."

Located as it is in the blackland farming and ranching country, Ben Arnold has always depended largely on them for its economic growth. So as early as 1892 a gin was built by Bob White, father of the depot agent.

Other early day businesses were grocery stores, markets and blacksmith shops. About them Mrs. Swanzy wrote in her history:

"Frank Peebles had the first market in the building formerly owned by Zapp. Later Will Pankonin had a market west of the original bank building. In 1920 Herman Folschinsky ran a meat market which his father took over in 1927. The building was just east of the present Swanzy Grocery."

Blacksmith shops were thriving businesses in the early days of the community, apparently, for the historical sketch said of them:

"Mr. C. F. Noite put up a blacksmith shop across the track in block 41, 1906-1912. Gus Plentl had a blacksmith shop later. Mr. Setzer had a blacksmith shop back of Greeley Carmichael's store. He rented one year to Yarborough and one year to J. C. Komar. In 1922 Mr. Komar bought the shop but moved to where his present shop is in 1934.

"Walter Dodson and Geo Phillips were blacksmiths at one time."

Ben Arnold's era of greatest expansion occurred soon after the turn of the century. It was then that the bank building was erected and other businesses, including a lumber yard owned by Wm. P. Carey, flourished.

The bank was operated from 1906 to 1918. Charles Strauss was its first president, the historical sketch said, followed by Homer Guinn and Jewel Reaves.

The bank building still remains and has been used as a meat market since 1943 when Will Knuppel moved his market into it from an earlier location west of the Swanzy Grocery.

Another early day concern was the Ben Arnold Mercantile, operated from about 1910 until 1918.

when it closed for business.

Although the gin built by Bob White in 1892 was the first for the community, another one was built later by O. R. Looney.

Looney sold it to R. L. Batte, who sold it to Otto Boecker. This gin burned about 1930.

Another gin was built by Mr. Brod about 1940.

The gin erected by Bob White in 1892 had several changes of ownership, according to Mrs. Swanzy's historical sketch, which said: Ike Looney bought the gin from White and rebuilt it. Ed Schiller bought it from Looney, sold to Neal Carmichael, and Carmichael sold to W. E. Kossel."

Ben Arnold's first school was built soon after the town was founded - in 1892 or 1893. The SA&AP Railroad donated the land for the site. It was a one room building, but about 1900 was enlarged to two rooms.

In 1914 a two-story brick building was constructed. The present school building was completed in 1941.

There was only one teacher the first year, according to the historical sketch by Mrs. Swanzy:

"John Little was the teacher. Taught in July and August because he didn't get to teach in the Spring.

"In 1900 the school building had two teachers, Miss Maggie Terry and Miss Eva Frame.

"The old building was torn down in 1910. Graham Gillis, Miss Kate Sproull, Bessie Gillis, Ann and Rena Yardley, Cornelia Williams were teachers and also Dora Alford.

"Hatter was principal in 1921. Other principals follow: Mrs. A. W. Rettig, Bob Burton, H. H. Powell, Creel Bridgewater, Mrs. Garner, Mrs. Stiles, Mrs. Carlton and Tom Moorman."

"The teacherage was built by Sam Rudder in 1915."

Shortly after the turn of the century the town had two churches. The Methodist Church was built about 1905, but was moved to Maysfield in 1951.

The Baptists built their church about 1908. However, the congregation was organized a number of years before on September 8, 1894. The first pastor was A. J. Collins. Two other early day pastors were Theo. Binford, in 1903 and Charlie Little.

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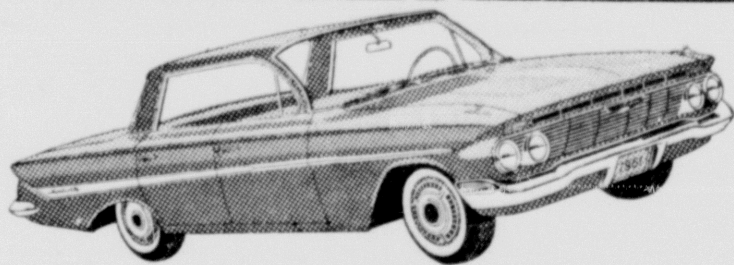
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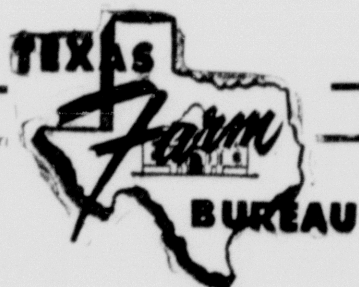
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## Early Letters Reveal View Of City In 1880's

One of the early day doctors in Cameron was Dr. E. N. Shaw who helped build the city's first hospital. He came to Cameron from his native Georgia when a young man. His impressions of the town of that day -- the early 1880's -- have been preserved in letters he wrote to his fiancée back in Georgia. Excerpts from them have been sent to the Herald by his daughter, Miss Sue Shaw, of Eagle Pass, Texas, for the newspaper's Centennial issue.

March 14, 1884

I think Texas is the most beautiful country in spring I have ever seen. The prairies are all covered with beautiful flowers. Many flowers grow wild here which you have to cultivate with a great deal of care in Georgia.

It is part of the state is in an unsettled condition of society, the mixing of people from all states and nations -- no fixed laws to regulate society, if it may be said that they have any regulations. Everything is pell-mell, every-

body does as he pleases, everyone steps around lively; this makes Texas have a peculiar kind of fascination. But I will tell you more later of life in the wild, wild west.

May 21, 1884

I was called to go in great haste to see a boy (aged fourteen years) eight miles from here day before yesterday evening. When I arrived I found him in a very bad condition. He had been bitten on the hand by a large rattlesnake.

His jaws were locked and his whole body stiff. I found it impossible to get him to swallow anything. I gave him whiskey hypodermically with amonia. The boy soon became relaxed and I left him in a fair way to get well; he did recover. This letter was read before the Georgia Medical Association by Dr. Shaw's future father-in-law, Dr. Gaston of Atlanta, and much interest in the case was shown by the doctors.

District Court is in session here and our country town presents a lively appearance. Bohemians, Germans, Mexicans, negroes and cowboys.

By the way, I spent night before last with six cowboys. This was a large ranch and a regular ranch house, and if I had any word that would express more than a rough, I would say it -- but I simply say things were rough!

May 30, 1884

It seems to me everyone has gone somewhere.

Mrs. Capt. Stone, wife of our county treasurer and sister of Senator Butler of S. C., has gone to South Carolina. Mrs. Russell, wife of the editor of the "Milam County Democrat" has gone to Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. Batte will visit in Tenn. the first time in many years. Mr. McCord has gone to Florida to buy horses.

July 10, 1884

The other day I went to a barbecue near Rockdale. I enjoyed it but found the water very bad, which was obtained from a tank where men and beast both drank. Several people became sick from drinking the same, which of course will put some weight into the doctor's pockets. "It's an ill wind that blows nobody good!" My pockets feel the need of some such stimulus.

Nov. 9, 1884

We have had very little cool weather yet. Every day ladies are on the streets with parasols. No one put up their heating stoves. I dread to see cold weather come because people are so poorly prepared in their homes for cold weather here.

(Skating seems to have been the favorite pastime in Cameron in 1884 - 1885.)

Feb. 16, 1885

We had a masquerade skating carnival at our rink on the evening of the 13th. We had a large number of skaters and spectators. Everyone seemed to enjoy the occasion very much. Nothing happened to mar the pleasure of the occasion until the rink closed, when a member of the rink had a little unpleasantness with an outsider who persisted in standing in front of some ladies thus obstructing their view of the skating scene. The result was a little fist a cuff in which the skating man was badly used.

March 4, 1885

The skating craze still continues. Many old men and married ladies attend regularly.

Feb. 21, 1885

I like Texas quite well. There are better chances for a young man to get into practice than in the older states.

We hope to build a Presbyterian Church here next spring, altho our membership is quite small. We want one very badly.

May 15, 1885

Upon my arrival from New Orleans I found the town in a state of excitement over a festival to be given for the benefit of the Presbyterian church. The affair went off very pleasantly and with considerable benefit to the fund to be raised to build the church.

Some young lady had gotten up a kind of art gallery, the entrance fee being ten cents. I found on one table a pun. A Paradox -- 'A Pair of Docs' -- A photo

June 25, 1885

I am expecting Dr. Greer over tomorrow. The reunion of Hood's Brigade is to take place the next day. Everyone is expecting a nice time. I suppose there will be the largest crowd in town that has been for some time. Everyone looks forward to it with great pleasure.

Sept. 1, 1885

There is an epidemic prevailing in some of the towns west and east of here called Dengue Fever, and the people are very much exercised over this fever for fear that it will reach this place soon. There is said to be several hundred cases in Austin and I am going to that place Monday to spend a few days to study the disease in order to be prepared to treat it when it gets to Cameron. The text books say very little about it. There are two hundred cases in Caldwell, a town thirty miles from here.



**RARE SKETCH** — This picture shows the north side of the Courthouse Square apparently drawn in 1872. The present Henderson Building is on the extreme right corner and the present Herald building is about where the cistern is shown. This picture is believed to be the

oldest known drawing or picture of Cameron. Cameron was founded in 1846 and the original Milam County, much larger than at present, was drawn out about 1836, at the beginning of the Texas Republic.

Nov. 9, 1885

A right amusing thing happened here a few weeks ago. A boy in this county, aged eighteen, ran off with and married a girl thirteen. He was caught and put in jail for marrying a girl under eighteen without the consent of her parents. While he was in jail awaiting trial, she ran off with another man. Now he has gone in search of his inconsistent wife.

August 30, 1885

We vote on whiskey or no whiskey next Saturday. I think whiskey will be voted out by a small majority.

Sept. 1885

Whiskey was voted out. Now what do you think of that for the wild west? But I am afraid it will be sold in the drug stores which I think is worse than the open bar rooms.

Aug. 9, 1887

Prohibition was defeated by 100,000 votes. The whiskey men are jubilant.

March 25, 1885

Fifty families are coming to this county district from Germany some time this year. Their practice is good, for Germans always pay their bills.

I am trying to learn enough German to be able to find out what's the matter, a thing that's quite difficult to ascertain even from

those who speak English. Rosenberg is doing everything he can to further my interest with his countrymen.

Col. McIver has a little girl who was bitten on the lip by a spider and had been very sick, but is improving now.

Mr. Frank Clement, Jr. is coming to Cameron to visit me for a few days. He is going to begin the study of medicine.

1895

Mr. Lawrence and Miss Haden were married last week. They are going to make Cameron their home.

Dec. 1890

Dr. Cass and wife will spend Christmas in Tenn., and go from there to Georgia. Lizzie McCord left yesterday for Macon, Georgia, to spend the winter.

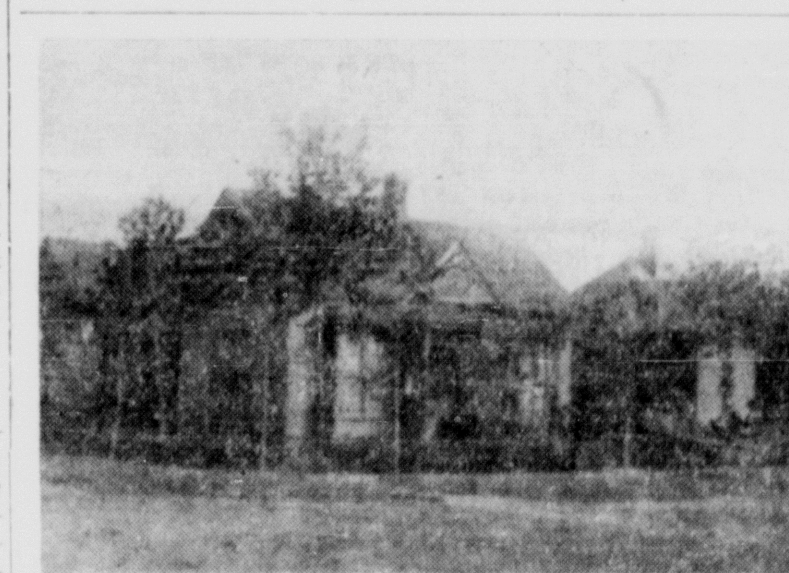
Dr. Ferguson is to be married Thursday.

Mr. McClane has gone to Arkansas.

A Milam Bankers Association was organized in Cameron with A. N. Green, President of the First National Bank as president, and L. T. Lewis, Cashier of the Citizens National Bank, as secretary in September, 1920.



**HISTORIC LETTERS** — Dr. and Mrs. E. N. Shaw were pictured in this photograph while on their honeymoon in New Orleans before coming to Cameron to live. Dr. Shaw was one of the first doctors in Cameron and wrote a series of letters describing early Cameron and Milam County during the mid-1880's. Picture was made by Lillenthal & Co., New Orleans, La.



**FIRST HOSPITAL** — The Milam Hospital, first hospital in Milam County, is shown above. It was owned by the late Dr. E. N. Shaw, who is in the buggy in the picture. The little boy in the picture is E. N. Shaw, Jr., now a doctor in Houston.

of Drs. Cofer and Shaw.

Oct. 8, 1885

I have been very busy. The whole town and county have been down with dengue fever. All the doctors have been sick, so we well ones have been very busy. Mr. McCord's whole family is down with the fever.

May 25, 1885

The people of this place are contemplating a nice time about the last of June. Hood's Brigade will have a reunion at that time, and I expect they will make our little town rather lively for a time.

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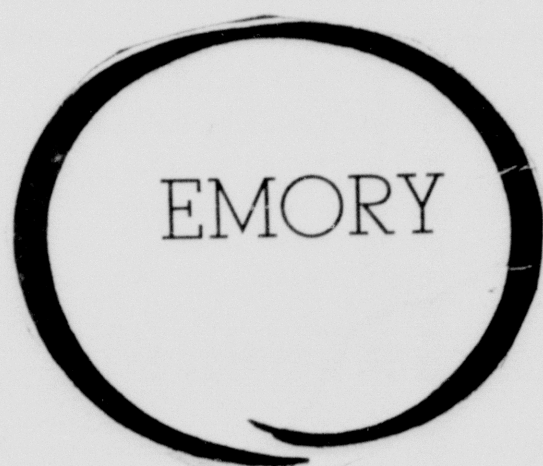
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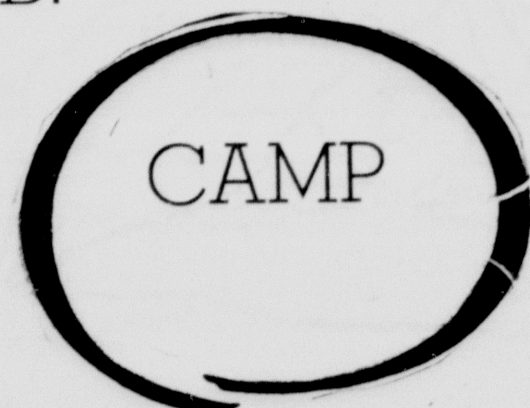
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# Buckholts Founded In 1880's

Buckholts, like several other towns and cities of Central Texas, was founded during the big railroad building era in this section of the state.

It was located on the GC&SF Railway shortly after that line was built through Milam County in 1881. But that didn't seem to help it to get off to a good start — even though in those days location on a rail line was practically a must if the town was to grow.

Neither did the fact that it was named for one of the well-known pioneers of this area.

John Abel Buckholts did not at any time live in the town. He was a native of Mississippi and descendant of ancestors in South Carolina who fought in the American Revolution. He was a veteran of the Mexican War and was in the famed gold rush in California in 1849.

He came to Texas via New Orleans and Washington on the Brazos about 1851 and rode horse back to Milam County where he practiced law, using Cameron as headquarters for his law and land business, frequently traveling on horseback or ferry to the older courts of the State.

He was for a time deputy County Clerk of Milam County and he and his brother, Charles, who was County Clerk, slept on the floor of the court house which was a log cabin. He built the first frame house in Cameron and had the first bank in Cameron before organized banks went into existence in Central Texas. He was a Mason, a Knight Templar, a member of the Methodist Church and served in the Texas Legislature.

He was in many ways connected with the history of Milam County and of Brazos County where he was an attorney and Dis-



**EARLY BEN ARNOLD** — This street scene shows Ben Arnold about 1915. Shown are horse and buggies in front of some of the early community stores.

The town was built along the railroad between Cameron and Waco and grew during the era of heavy agricultural development in the early 1900's.

strict Judge for many years. He moved to Bryan in 1876 and lived there until his death in 1898.

When the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway was built through Milam County, land was obtained from various land owners for right of way.

John Abel Buckholts then a citizen of Bryan, gave the right of way through land belonging to him in the Jose Antonio de Pena Grant on the Thomas Curry League and also additional land adjoining the right of way on part of which the town of Buckholts is now situated, the consideration being the location of a depot and other improvements necessary for the depot.

A map was made for the town site, the land north of the railway being sold from time to time by stockholders of the railway, or by the Railway Company. The town lots south of the railway right of way were the property of John Abel Buckholts. The first town lots were sold in 1881 and for a number of years the town business section was on the town block

north of the depot and the two blocks south of the depot. The stores and homes faced the railway which was the focal point of interest and activity.

The first depot agent is said to have been Dave Kyle.

One of the first homes was that of Mary Maddux, opposite the depot on the south side of the railway. The first store owned by Felix Blankenship was also on the south side of the railroad right of way. The first doctor was C. W. Macune, and the postoffice was established January 17, 1882 with William A. Hardin as the postmaster.

Among the first owners of town lots the names of the following appear in local records: Blankenship, Terry, Trot, Shay, Wootan, Watson, Joyce, Macune, Sessums, Hardin, Maddux, Moore, Faubion and Cunningham.

In connection, it may be stated that James Peeler, land owner, circuit rider, inventor and picturesque figure in Milam County at that time had offered to assist in selling lots in the new community and in a letter still extant, and dated Oct. 14, 1881, he describes the town as a failure, no lots sold, because the place got ready too late for fall business, short crops, no money scarcely among the people.

This letter, addressed to the land department of the Santa Fe Railroad at Galveston, also declared that the people at Ad Hall neighborhood "set in" to break it up by telling and "clamoring" that the Depot was to be moved and Depot broken up. Also that people at Rockdale are "prompting" a town at Dobbins at half mile East of Ad Hall to break up Cameron. The letter concludes with the gloomy statement that "You need not expect any person to build there as things are." However, the sale of lots began the next month without the assistance of Mr. Peeler.

The first school was taught by Mrs. Sarah M. Joyce, a daughter of James Peeler.

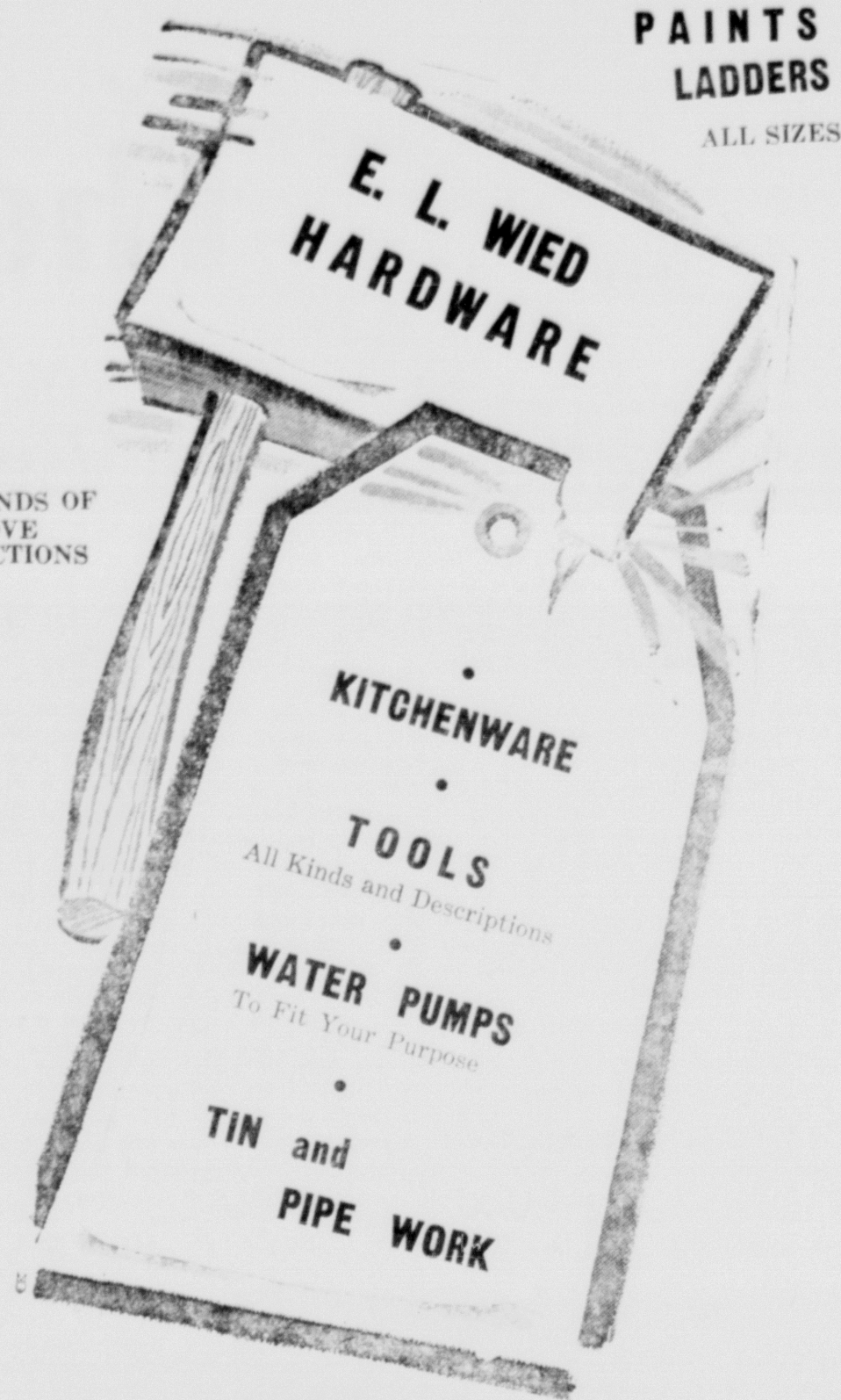
In 1885 a lot for the first school building was given by John A. Buckholts and wife.

James Peeler is reported to have delivered the first sermon in Buckholts, and local legend is that it



**EARLY TEACHER** — Will Saye, of Chester, S. C., uncle of Dr. E. N. Shaw, pioneer Cameron doctor, was himself a pioneer in education, being one of Cameron's early school teachers in 1882-1883. He was Mrs. Jeff Kemp's teacher.

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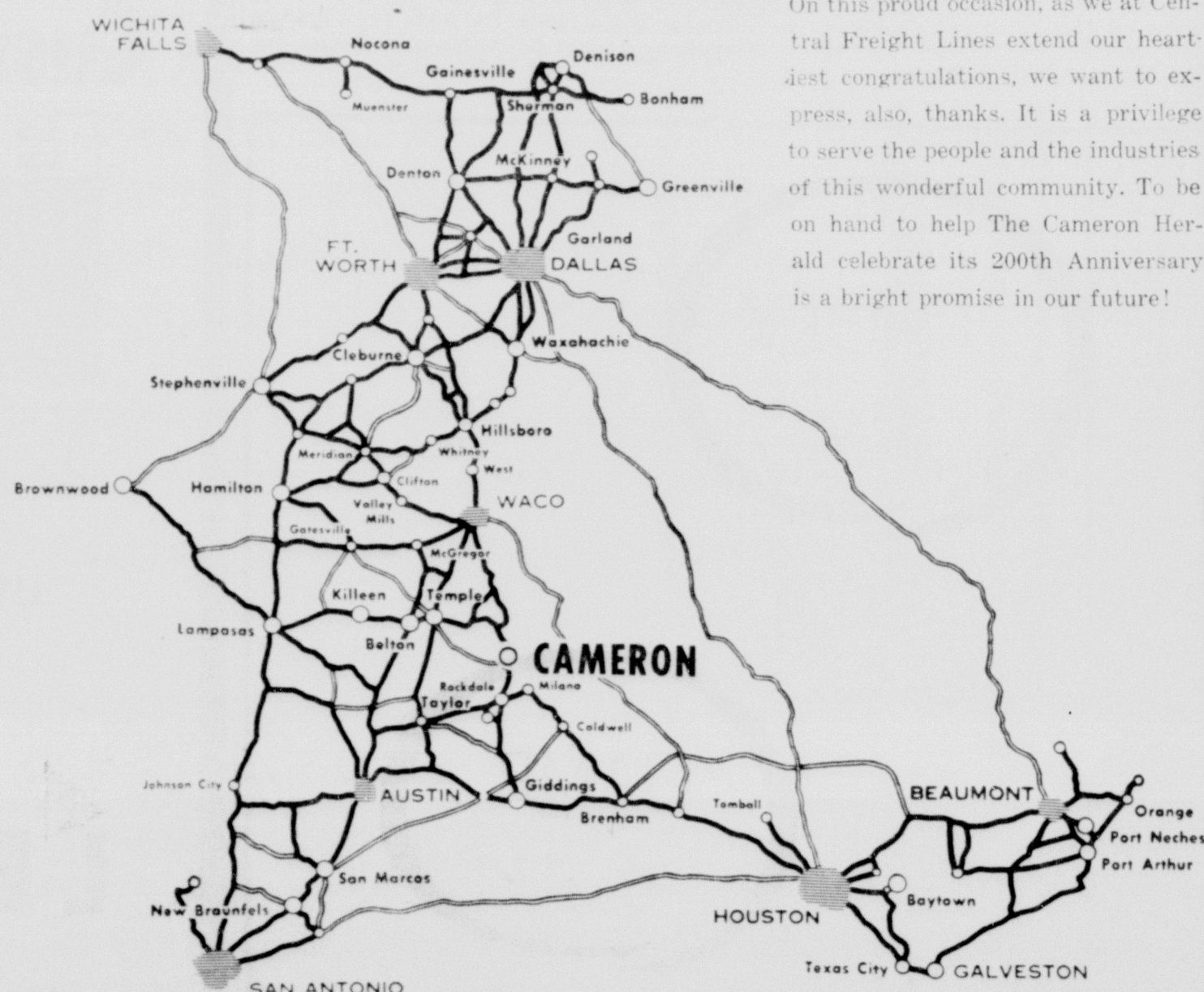
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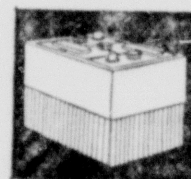
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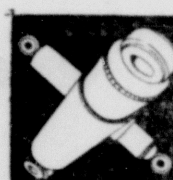
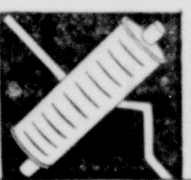
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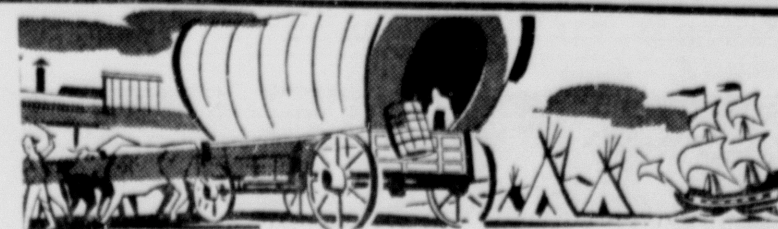
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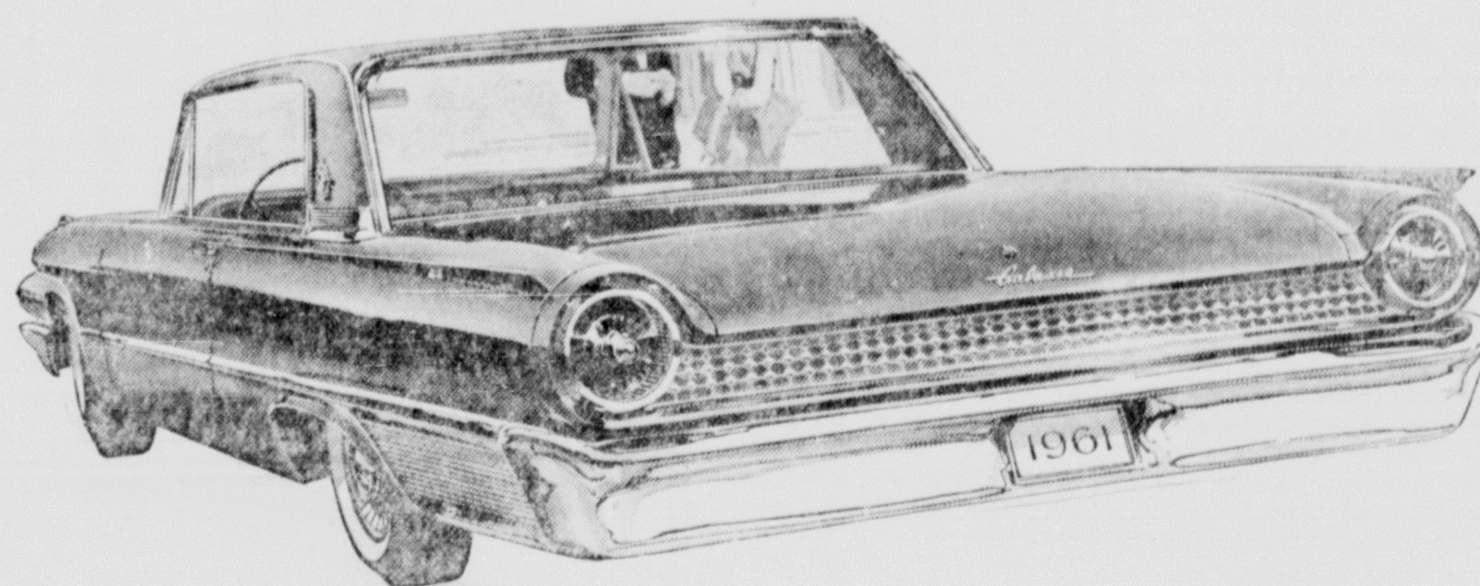
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**EARLY DAY TAVERN** — Shown here are two bartenders, a whiskey salesman and another man all unidentified, looking on in a picture taken at the turn of the century in a Cameron tavern. Around 1900, bustling Cameron

was the center of an expanding agriculture area. Oldtime residents can still recall the large number of taverns and bars which were operating here 60 years ago.

### 'The Old Cemetery' Donated To Milam By Daniel Monroe Family

"The Old Cemetery", one mile east of Cameron, is a two-acre tract of land overlooking the Little River. Pioneers, slaves, Confederate soldiers and the wife of a Cameronite who became lieutenant governor of Louisiana are buried there. Here is how the story was told in the Centennial year of 1949 by a feature writer. "Many are unaware of the history and romance to be found in the old enclosure. In one unmarked grave lies the dust of Daniel Monroe and his wife, Salie, who donated the 60-acre tract of land, Nov. 17, 1845, on which the city of Cameron was built. Monroe was a captain of a ranger company during the presidency of Sam Houston, and defended Cameron from many an Indian raid. "The oldest marked graves in the cemetery are those of the Harmon family. Two children of this family were buried in 1849. Mrs. Hallie Jones Wofford is a present day representative of that family in Camron. "A number of Confederate soldiers are buried there and their graves are decorated by members of the Daughters of the Confederacy each year. Among them is Major J. C. Rogers, who commanded Company G of the Fifth Texas Regiment, Hood's Brigade,

which marched away from the courthouse in Cameron to join the ranks of Lee's army in Virginia in 1861. C. P. Wilkerson, F. W. Smith, John Harmon, D. D. Arnold and the father of the late Mayor W. W. Chambers and perhaps other confederate soldiers whose graves are lost, also rest there. "During Reconstruction Days a troop of Union soldiers was quartered in Cameron and in a brawl one was killed by his comrades and buried in the Old Cemetery. Thought his name is unknown, the grave of this 'Yankee' soldier is kept green on the annual confederate decoration day. "Probably the finest monument in the cemetery was erected 75 years ago by a young man, James Jeffries, a former district clerk of Milam County, who later became lieutenant governor of Louisiana. To his young wife, Annie, and her brother, this marble monument was erected and surrounded by an ornamental iron fence set upon masonry. The fence now shows the ravages of time and decay. "Some slaves are buried near their masters. Most of these graves are unmarked, but one simple monument erected by a white friend marks the grave of Lawson Woods, a former slave of the Wilson - Sampson family.

### Ox Wagons, Stage Coaches Earliest Means Of Travel

Ox wagon and stage coach were the early means of travel in Cameron and Milam County of 1870's. But the Brazos and Little Rivers were navigable in part before the Civil War. The steamboat "Washington" brought a consignment of merchandise up the Little River to a point near Cameron for McCowan and Company, merchants here in 1850 according to an account in a history of Milam County written by Mrs. Earl Mowley in 1946. The "Washington" was the first and last steamboat to traverse Little River. Twenty-six years later, the International and Great Northern built a railroad from Hearne to Austin, crossing South Milam County. Coming of the rail line brought trade development to Rockdale and the South Milam town was the largest in the county. But Cameron got its first railroad in 1881 when the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe completed the Fort Worth - Coastal line. A third line, from Giddings to Waco through Cameron, brought the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad to the county and boosted the development of Ben Arnold, Burlington and Minerva.

## Cameron Only Small Town After Civil War Ending

The following story appeared in The Cameron Herald in 1915 while H. B. Terrell was editor. It describes Cameron following the Civil War. — Ed. "When the Civil War was ended, Cameron was a little changed, a small place far in the interior, it had not suffered as much as many other Texas towns. "There were some vacant chairs round family hearthstones. Lt. Sam Streetman lost his life; Charles Buckholts' remains lie buried in a cathedral near Glorietta. N. M. E. Porter Could, he of the bear, was killed in Virginia. Magallant soldiers did not come back. Time passed on and the new generation took places of the old. So the ages run. "Major Rogers had won glory on that dreadful field of carnage.

Gettysburg, and Major E. M. Be-an, a member of Rogers' company, lost an arm there. The soldiers came home from the four years of war and hardship to take up the burden of life again. "Commercially, Cameron was in a state of stagnation. There was little business to do. Life was then the simple life, wants were few and easily satisfied. The leading businessmen were Streetman, Cochran, Sample, Boles, Henry Carter, Smith and Ackerman, Jeffries and Davy Meyers. "Politically, people were stupefied. Though the phrase, "Watchful waiting" had not been coined, it fitted those times. "There is a tradition that Cameron was incorporated by special act of the Legislature, but it was incorporated under the general incorporation statute by an election

in 1881. P. D. School was mayor in the olden days. His granddaughter, whom some of us remember as Eddie Crockett, now is social secretary to the wife of his excellency, Governor Ferguson. On one occasion, Mayor Scholl was out of town and the father of Dr. Reese known to the community as "Uncle Jimmy" was mayor pro-tem. He felt the dignity of his office. He felt the dignity of his mark to more than one evil doer. "I am pro tem, mind you, and I am liable to get you for that." "The first mayor under the new incorporation was Capt. B. I. Arnold, and he was the first man who any attempt to put Cameron on the map. To him we owe our school building, substantial and commodious. When it was built, it was 10 years ahead of the times. During his mayoralty, our park was acquired and the pavilion built. Capt. J. B. Wolf, J. M. Ralston, A. J. Lewis, Ben Strum, and E. P. Lester have each held the office of my Lord Mayor and each did his quota of good for the town. "The Santa Fe Railroad was built to Cameron in the summer of 1880, and great was the rejoicing therefore. Rockdale being on the I & GN was outstripping our town, and bitter rivalry existed between the two places. When I came here there were still ladies in Cameron who went regularly with every change of season to Rockdale to have Mrs. Loper make their dresses and trim their hats, when we had Mrs. Batte and Mrs. Brooks with us.

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## Milam Jail Has Unusual History

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"It was a log cabin with a cellar some seven feet below the ground floor where the prisoners were kept. "Joel Walker had killed a man and was in jail. His wife rode his fine horse up to the jail and left it outside, and entered the first floor of the prison with a request to see her husband. "The jailer opened the trap door into the cellar and lowered a light ladder in to the darkness below. He called Joel up to see his wife. "When Joel had climbed up, the jailer turned to draw the ladder after him and as he turned, Mrs. Walker threw a heavy snail over his head pinioned his arms, calling to her husband to jump on his horse and ride for his life. "Joel was gone like a flash. Finally the jailer freed himself from

Dorothy's frantic clutches and attempted to fasten the door with a heavy iron bolt. But she, just as the bolt was falling thrust her hand into the socket and the bolt fell on it with clutching force. "Her hand was maimed for life but she learned to use it, and later earned quite a reputation for fancy knitting."



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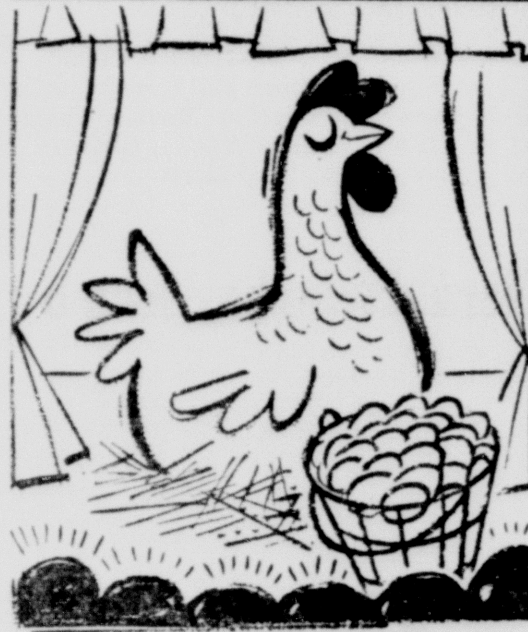
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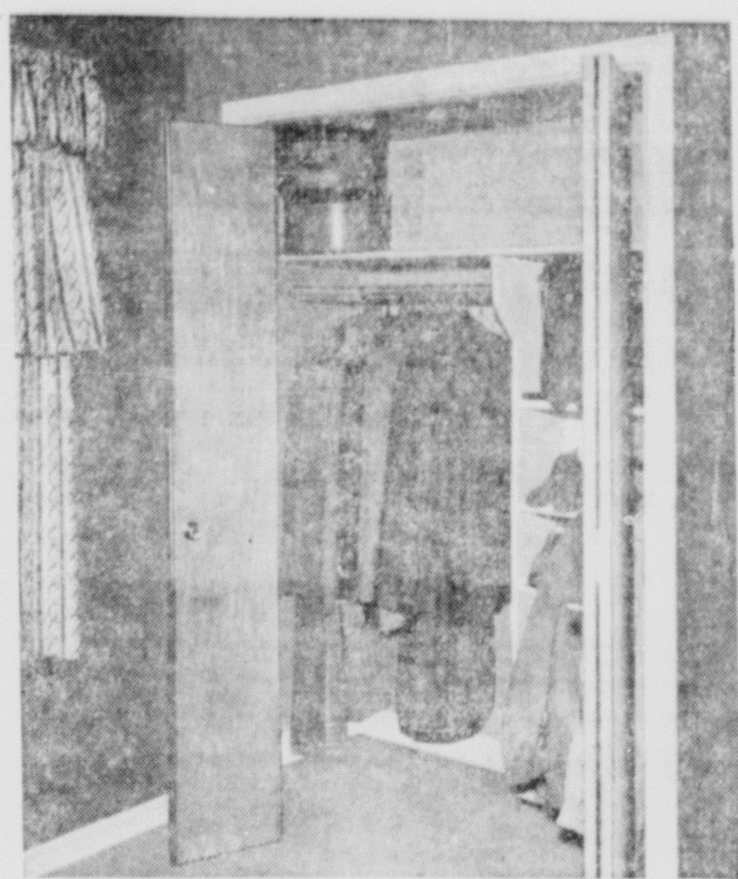
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## Lone Star Gas Places First Lines Here 32 Years Ago

More than 32 years ago a construction crew started digging ditches and laying pipe in the streets and alleys of Cameron. This work was the forerunner of natural gas service for residential, commercial and industrial customers.

Construction of the gas distribution system was started on May 21, 1928, by the Community Natural Gas Company, then a subsidiary of the Lone Star Gas Company which commemorated its fiftieth anniversary last year.



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The project was under the supervision of F. I. Collier, construction forman, for Community Natural. On June 22 the project was finished and on the following July 27, upon completion of the transmission pipeline serving Cameron and other towns, natural gas was turned into the city mains for the first time.

And within a matter of minutes some of Cameron's homemakers literally began cooking with gas. The arrival of "the modern fuel" represented an important event in the annals of Cameron. The citizens welcomed the new fuel and praised city officials and the gas company for combined efforts to provide gas service with its benefits of convenience, dependability, cleanliness and economy.

Cameron had made a big step forward in her march of progress. Construction of the gas distribution plant for Cameron and other towns in the area was part of an over - all project started in 1925 which marked the building of almost 200 local distribution systems in Texas and Oklahoma.

This five - year program is said to have set a record within the natural gas industry, both in the amount of pipe installed and the number of cities and towns piped for gas under a single construction program. Since, then, the company has added new points to its transmission system from time to time as conditions warranted.

In 1942, the Lone Star System of several subsidiaries was reorganized and the Community Natural Gas Company was absorbed by the present Lone Star Gas Company.

Compared with the present status of Cameron, a handful of customers were receiving gas when the service was first rendered on the eventful July 27, 1928. Today Lone Star serves some 2,100 residential, commercial and industrial customers in Cameron.

Cameron is a key point of Lone Star operations in Milam County and the company has aided materially in the business growth here through employee payrolls, taxes and purchases of equipment and materials. Lone Star also cooperates with money and manpower in the support of various civic and welfare projects of the community.

C. M. Burke, veteran Lone Star employee, is manager of the Cameron district of distribution. The operating area consists of Cameron, the district headquarters, and Buckholts, Mcervia, Rogers, Rosebud, Travis, Caldwell and Rockdale. Lone Star served more than 7,000 customers in these towns.

### Luling's Palmettos Popular

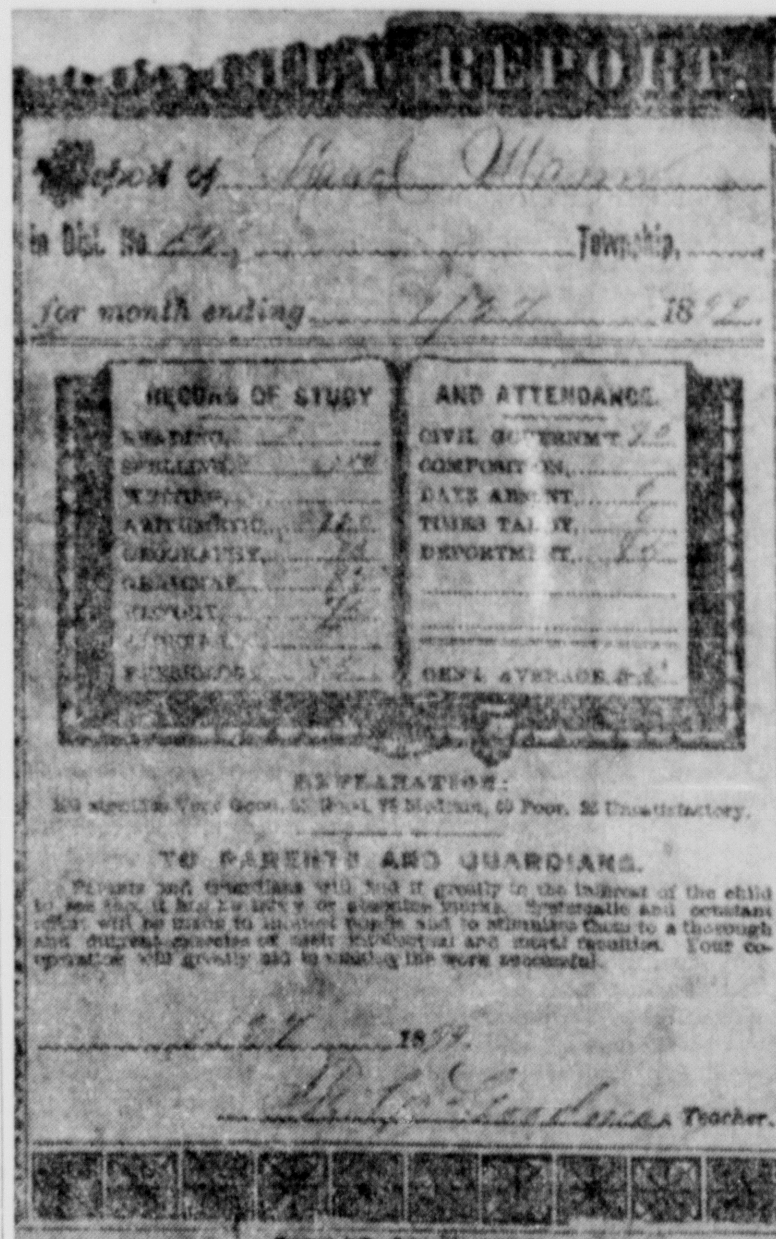
Not oil wells, but sulphur wells, palmetto swamps, and tropical plants are the tourist attractions near Luling, in South Central Texas.

They are to be seen at Palmetto Park, southeast of Luling, in Caldwell County.

This 196 - acre park also has a dance terrace, concession stand, picnic tables, camping and playground areas and fishing sites.

You'll be fascinated by Palmetto Park.

Plans were announced in April, 1920 by the Methodist Church in Cameron for the construction of its new \$70,000 church building.



1899 REPORT CARD — This is reproduction of a report card issued to Maud Mann at the Bryant Station School, District 52, in 1899. It is signed by F. W. Goodman, early teacher in Milam County. Bryant Station, near the present town of Buckholts, was first the site of a stockade built in 1840 by Benjamin Bryant, Texas, frontiersman and Indian agent appointed by Sam Houston, who was president of the Texas Republic in 1842.

## Milano Has Prosperous Era With Truck Crops In 1920's

Milano, about a dozen miles south and east of Cameron in the sandy land section of Milam County, has remained a small community throughout its history.

In Milano's case the phrase "the good old days" means just that. Because it was during the 1920's when the farmers of the area turned to growing truck crops — tomatoes, watermelons and cantaloupes — that the town had its biggest surge of prosperity.

Truck crops today, along with cattle, are still a major source of its economy.

In an old historical sketch written by Clifford McGregor which appeared in the April 2, 1931 issue of the Herald, he gives this description of its early days:

"The town of Milano is located at the junction of the Missouri Pacific and the GC & SF Railways, and has a population of about 400 people.

"It was founded in 1874 and located about one mile west of its present site where the Missouri Pacific now has a section house, and remained at that location until the GC & SF Railway was built through this part of the county in 1880 and 1881 when it was moved to its present location at the junction of the two railroads.

"It is supposed," he wrote, "the town got its name from a town in southern Italy by the same name, and that the climate of this country, also the altitude of the two countries being almost similar, inspired the name.

"The word, Milano, is derived from the Latin language, and is either Italian or Spanish, and its meaning is "Thousand Years." The first part, "Mil" meaning "Thousand" and the last part, "ano", meaning "Years."

"The founders of Milano, most of whom are now dead," McGregor said in his 1931 sketch, "were Mr. A. S. Russell, Judge Lawery, Dr. Mitchan, J. D. Hooker, J. B. Newton, M. F. Eward and a few others. All had business houses or residences in the old townsites and moved to the new location where the GC & SF built through, they having located their railroad shops at the new location."

Like other towns and communities in those rough and uninhabited early days, Milano had more than a few experiences with the cattlemen and farmers of the area.

McGregor gave a glimpse or two of this in his historical sketch: "The early years of Milano's history saw many exciting times. The country was new. But the country was thinly settled in those

### Tex - Acological

Texas is one of the most fertile fields in all of North America for archaeological research. Remnants have been discovered here of the Maya - Aztec area, the Pueblo area, and the Mound-Builder area.

The caves of the Big Bend region for instance have produced evidence of the Basket - Maker and the Pueblo cultures.

## First Maysfield Resident Lived In Community Area In 1852

Maysfield, in eastern Milam County on Highway 190, is a small ranching and farming community of 120 population, two stores, two gasoline filling stations, a post office, a school and two churches. The community was named for the Mays family that lived in the facility. The date of its founding is obscure. It is known, however, the Alfred Massengale, the grandfather of one of its present day residents, came from Alabama and settled there in 1852.

Some of the old settlers during its early days were named Williams, Atkinson, Jones Butts, Ty-

son, Hildreth, Smith and Thweatt. Like some other towns and communities, Maysfield's early day history centers around its churches. Both the Methodists and Presbyterians organized their churches in the old academy school house where they had been holding services.

The Presbyterian Church was organized in August, 1873, by Rev. L. Tenny with nine members. In 1883 it erected the present church building and dedicated it in 1884 at which time it had ninety members.

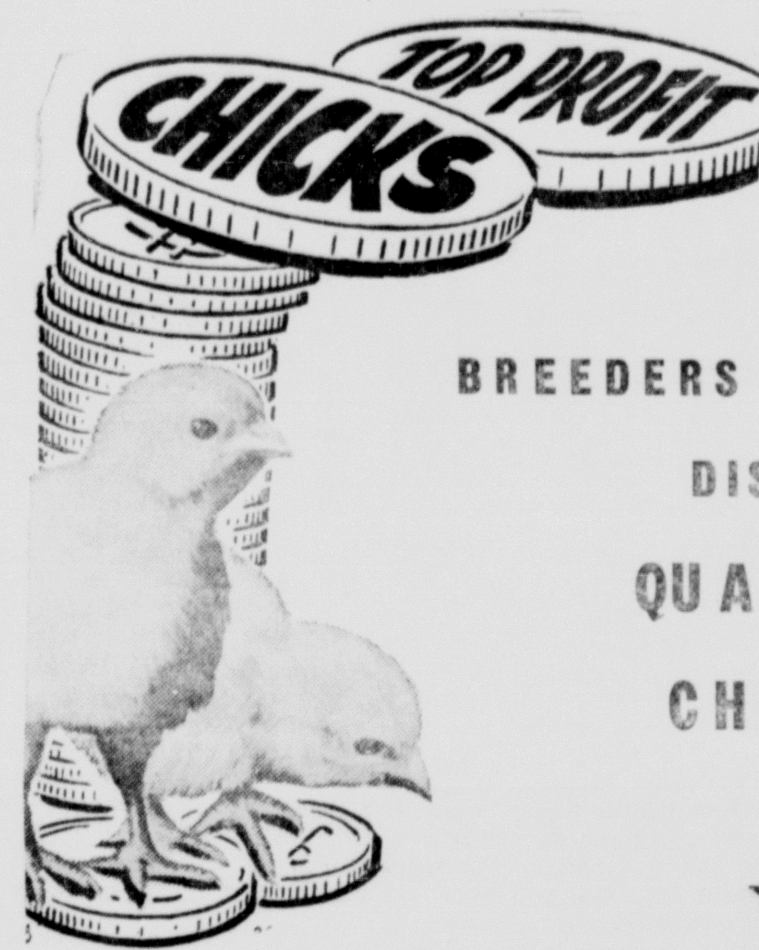
The Methodist Church erected its own building across the road during that same period. Since all three of Milam County's railroads by - passed Maysfield, it never had any early day spurt of prosperity of population growth. During the oil boom period of the early 1920's one or two wells were drilled in the area, but were not producers.

Maysfield is one of the new communities in Milam County that still has its own school. Pupils attend through the eighth grade and the school has a faculty of three teachers.

P. W. Davis was elected Rotary President of the Cameron Club in a meeting in April, 1940.

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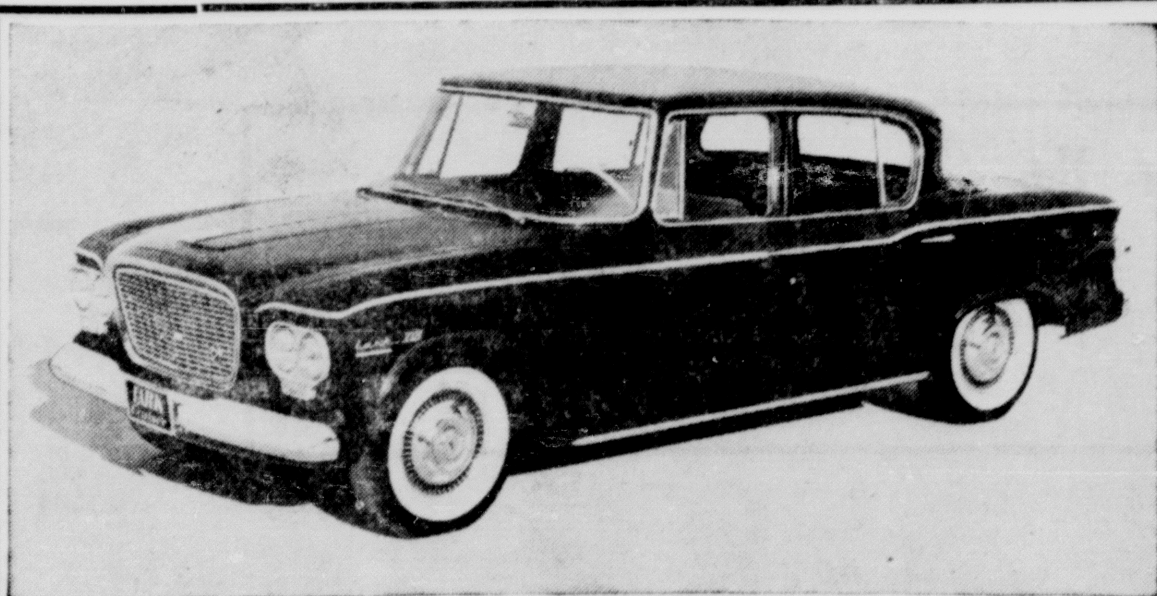
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# 1st. Courthouse Built In 1846

When the Milam County courthouse received a general cleaning early this spring, a decade or more of soot and grime sand-blasted from its walls, and its grounds landscaped with a lush new carpet grass lawn, it was only the latest in a long series of improvements, alteration and additions that have been made on the building over the years.

Because from time to time, it seems, judges, commissioners and just plain citizens have become dissatisfied with the courthouse as it was and have demanded changes.

And in the process of making them, some slightly unusual events have taken place, if a few of the legends which have grown up about it can be believed.

The changes haven't all been made on the same structure. Because, since it was organized as a county, Milam has had four different buildings which have served it as a courthouse. All have been located on the same site.

The first of these, according to a historical sketch written a number of years ago by Kathryn Robbins (Mrs. O. B. Mackensen)

was built in 1846.

Hon. W. W. Oxsheer, she said in her account, "who was the first District Clerk and also Deputy District Surveyor of Milam County says: 'I remember the town (Cameron) was laid off by A. W. Sullivan, Benjamin Hobson and Daniel Monroe.

"The first building erected was a courthouse. If I were an expert draftsman, I believe I could draw an exact picture of Milam County's first temple of justice, for I retain a very distinct recollection of it. It was a rude structure of small dimensions but abundantly large enough and sufficiently ornate for the plain people who used it.

"It was thirty feet east and west by twenty feet north and south, about nine feet high to the eaves, built of upright studding mortised into sills and plates, weatherboarded on the outside, floored with planks cut out by hand with a whip-saw and covered with boards ripped and shaved. There was a door on the north side and one on the south side and a window in each end. On the south side two shed rooms about ten feet square were added, which were used as clerks' offices, there being a passageway between leading to the courtroom. Jacob Gross and Wiley Jones took the contract and erected the building.

He was wrong, evidently, about it being large enough and sufficiently ornate for the citizens, because after several years - the records are hazy - it was replaced by a larger one.

We know that it was a two-story frame building with a long hall running north and south, with offices located on the first floor," the Robbins historical sketch described it. "The second floor was a large room in which trials were held, but at times it was used as a dance hall by the young people of the community.

"At one of these gatherings," she added, "Mr. Williams, County Clerk, was shot. He, with his wife, had attended the ball and just as they were coming down the stairs from the ballroom, he was jerked from his wife's side, it is reported, and shot by Jim Boles."

It wasn't the only time gunfire was to echo in Milam County's courthouse. Years later an encounter in a corridor between Sheriff Robert Todd and Giles Averitt ended with Averitt shot to death. A bullet hole or two can still be seen in a door jamb in an office.

Sometime while this building was in use, an old story claims, an attempt was made to furnish it with a water supply. This early improvement apparently didn't turn out too successfully. According to the legend, a man was employed to dig a well under the building. When he had dug down some distance, however, he encountered a solid layer of rock. He decided to blast through this, and being unfamiliar with dynamite, used a heavy charge.

Legend does not say whether he split the courthouse building about in two.

It has been repaired, however, if the tale is true and was in use when the next catastrophe happened. On the night of April 9, 1874, it burned to the ground with all of its contents. A rumor at the time said the fire was set by a man hired by someone who was accused of forgery and other crimes and wanted all of the evidence against him destroyed before he could be brought to trial. The arsonist reportedly rode out of town the next morning with his saddle bags filled with silver dollars as his pay for the crime.

Milam County's third courthouse was not built until two years later, in 1876. In the meantime the county rented quarters in the old Phillips Hotel, located near the site of the present jail.

This third courthouse building was 50 by 60 feet and was of brick and wood construction. The cost was about \$11,250 - \$5,900, going to the brick work and plastering contractor, and \$5,350 to the woodwork and painting contractor.

The county, however, did not have enough funds in the treasury to meet even this cost, and so citizens of Cameron made up the difference with donations. W. B. Streetman, C. R. Smith, J. B. Neher, W. A. Nabours, George Green, W. A. Nabours, John M. Mitthenson, W. W. Oxsheer and N. P. Garrett were among those listed in the old historical sketch who made contributions.

Three other citizens - J. C. Rogers, Thomas H. Brennan and Mitt Livingston - arranged to have the building furnished with seats, shelves and other furniture.

For a time after this courthouse was built, it seemed that all of this effort might have been wasted. Because the citizens of Rockdale, which was growing fast, started a movement to have it made the county seat and the

courthouse moved there. They finally succeeded in 1881 in having an election called to decide the issue.

In an old history of the Herald written in 1915, a story is recalled concerning the events of the day of the election. The old account said:

"We have elsewhere mentioned the county seat election of 1881 when Rockdale tried to have it moved to that place. There is a legend in the office to the effect that on election day the citizens of Rockdale chartered a train loaded with 100 laborers, employees of the I & G. N., and set out to vote them for the Post oak city. But Cameron had some enterprising citizens and Colonel Lyles, with several brave citizens of Cameron captured the train at Milam and showed the men who had set out to vote for Rockdale what a great injustice they were about to do to Cameron and the warm-hearted Irishmen became so wrought up that in their desire to undo the wrong they had virtually done, that under the guidance of the Cameron crowd they went to three several voting boxes and in each deposited 100 votes for Cameron."

The results was - the record show - 1661 votes for Cameron and 1613 for Rockdale. The courthouse remained where it was.

With that settled, two or three more improvements were made on the property. One was to furnish it with a water supply. Probably remembering the earlier well digging outcome, the historical sketch stated:

"In 1890 J. B. Gilliland was appointed a committee of one to build on the east side of the courthouse a good, substantial underground cistern to hold at least 300 gallons of water."

The other improvement was the construction of - to use the words of the sketch - "a first class iron fence" enclosing the courthouse yard - practically a necessity in those days of fire-roaming livestock.

Within a year or two it began to be apparent that another thing needed was a first class courthouse building. Because the one in use was rapidly developing defects - walls cracked and out of plumb, a bad roof and settled foundations. By 1889 plans were being pushed to erect another building to replace it.

But for some time it seemed very doubtful whether they would get anywhere. A good many citizens at first were of the opinion that the courthouse was quite satisfactory. They only changed their minds after a contractor, Ben D. Lee, made an inspection and estimated it would cost about \$3,700 to repair it. But then the county commissioners grew cool to the idea. When they found the bond of one of the contractors was insufficient, they announced they were dropping all plans to erect the building.

The architects, Lamour & Watson and Lee & Plummer, the contractors, filed suit for damages. The commissioners then had another change of mind. A compromise was worked out, and the contractors agreed to drop their suit and erect the building for \$75,000 instead of the original contract price of \$82,375.

The building was completed in April, 1892. The commissioners approved it, and Lamour & Watson, after their inspection, reported: "We, the architects, found the building the best and most thoroughly satisfactory piece of work as a whole of any that we have ever accepted."

The fact that it has been in use ever since that long ago day would seem to vindicate the architects in their praise of its construction.

The big stone building today

looks more the way it did when first completed than it appeared for almost 45 years. Because in 1893 an ornate clock tower was added, although the clock itself For some years around the turn of the century the courthouse was the hub of activity for farmers and cattlemen coming into town, and iron hitching post and a watering trough or two were ranged along the north curb for their use.

These gradually gave way with the coming of automobiles - and perhaps more especially after pressure from the women of the Civic League, who considered them none too attractive, when they started a campaign to beautify the courthouse grounds with walks, lawns and flower beds.

During the following years more changes were made on the building. A basement gave the county

clerk and tax collector more office space. And in 1938 or 1939 the old clock tower was removed during a renovation campaign.

It was at that time, too, that the statue of Ben Milam was erected on the south west corner of the grounds.

Since then court officials and citizens seemed more or less satisfied with their courthouse. Back in the middle 1950's perhaps there was a little talk that the building was out of date-even that it ought to be replaced with a new one. That talk soon died. It wasn't until this spring that more improvements seemed necessary, the clean-up campaign was ordered and the big stone building emerged from the accumulated soot and grime with its walls cream white in its setting of lush green lawns.



**MILAM COURTHOUSE** — The picture here shows the Milam Courthouse, with the Ben Milam statue in foreground, as was before the steeple and clock were removed in a renovation job in 1936. Early this spring the main building limestone was restored to this former

beauty by a sandblasting project. The main courthouse building was constructed in 1892 and the steeple was added about a year later. Persons approaching Cameron from a distance could see the clock and hear it chiming the hours.

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# Burlington Dates To 1870's

Burlington, in the black land farming country near the Falls County line, is one of Milam County's oldest communities, dating back to the 1870's when it was settled mostly by Irish coming from the 'old country.'

And while it is today a strictly agricultural community with only a few business houses, two service stations and a population of approximately 200 it can look back on a more prosperous era and some colorful history, especially during its earlier years.

The town's first residents seem to have had some difficulty in giving it a name. In a historical sketch written for the Herald in 1967 by W. E. McCatee, he said:

"The earliest name of the community was 'The Irish Settlement.' Later in the 1870's the place was called 'Waterford' for the hometown of an Irish settler, but the post office of Waterford was one and a half miles west of Burlington, or the Irish Settlement, in the Timothy Gleason home. That's when it was called Waterford. Timothy Gleason was postmaster at Waterford.

"The post office later was moved to the town's present location and named Burlington for a town in Vermont, by the Gleasons who came from that state. The mail being confused with Weatherford, the post office was changed to Burlington.

Two of the first settlers, according to McCatee's historical sketch were John Jones, who came to this section from Ireland in 1870, built a log cabin there in 1872 and Michael Jones who built his home there in 1867.

Also in 1870 P. T. O'Sullivan, William Nolan, Timothy Gleason,

Thomas Mundy, John Powers, Dan Driscoll and P. T. Driscoll moved there.

T. J. O'Neil was one of the first prominent educators there. He was born in Kerry county, Ireland and came to America when very young. He was educated in Ypsilante, Michigan and Notre Dame, Indiana. When a young man he fought in the Civil War with the Union forces, but became an admirer of the Southern spirit and decided to come South in 1878. He started in farming, but a drought caused him to turn to teaching in 1879. He later taught country schools at Walkers Creek, String Prairie, Lake City and Maysfield.

Another well-known school man of that section was John F. O'Shea. He later taught in Cameron for ten years, going afterwards to Taylor. He was teaching in Our to the community and became citizens.

Most of the early settlers were Catholics and the first church was erected in 1882 with the Rev. P. A. Heenan as the first local priest. However, Father John Louth of Notre Dame made periodical visits to Burlington before the first Catholic church was built. The Baptists built a church in 1937 and the Lutherans built one in 1916.

The Burlington State Bank was established in 1907 when the community was at the height of its prosperity having at that time a population of about 500. The oil mill was built by W. A. Barclay, and a newspaper was published for some time. Three gins were operated during the cotton season.

Several prominent physicians lived in Burlington - four at the same time in the early days. They were Drs. C. G. McCall, M. E.

Seale, G. B. Taylor, who later moved to Cameron and J. C. Patterson, a prominent ranchman, was elected to the Legislature from Burlington and he got through a bill which compelled the company to stop their trains at Burlington. Timothy Gleason was the first depot agent."

In the early days the whole section was open range and herds of wild horses and spanish burros and long - horn cattle roamed the area. Wild game including deer and turkeys were plentiful.

McCatee's father, on one of his trips, once had a discussion about land prices in the Burlington area with a Lake City resident, Watt Henderson and Henderson remarked that he could have bought the whole country for 50 cents an acre and I had a barrel of money at the time." Asked why he didn't buy it, he said:

"Long horned cattle, Indians, buffalos and wild ponies roamed it for 3 or 4 hundred years. My cattle and those of everyone else grazed it and I thought it would be that way always, therefore wouldn't be any use in tying up money in it."

That condition changed with the coming of barbed wire and the section was fenced in the middle and late 1880's.

Even earlier, in 1880, the Hood Cattle Company, operating out of Calvert, dammed Little Pond Creek. (The remains of the dam can still be seen in the E. B. Martin pasture.) The dam remained until May of 1893 when it was washed out.

Other large scale cattlemen of the early days were Fritz and Ernest Vogelsang. They moved into the community in 1883 and bought 5000 acres from Point Oxsheer which joined the John Jones land on the south and east.

And William Crenan and Tom Peoples bought several thousand acres of land in the 1870's and operated a cattle ranch together for a number of years, then People's sold most of it to Crenan and they operated separately.

After the railroad came through in the early 1890's McCatee wrote that great herds of long - horned cattle came streaming into the stock pens at Burlington to be shipped to Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City. Cattlemen accompanied their stock to market in those days. Among those making the trip in 1901 he recalled Ernest Vogelsang, Jr., who went to Kansas City and F. P. Gleason.

I. B. Wunch and J. W. McCatee, who went to St. Louis.

Burlington today reminisces, as it was in the early days a farming and ranching country. In 1958 it had 7 business concerns and an estimated 230 population.

The last of the long - horn cattle went through the loading chutes of its stock pens a long time ago, and today have been replaced by better breeds.

And while perhaps the cotton production doesn't match that of the early days, the town's two gins run at capacity during the season when the crop comes in from the rich blackland farms of the area.

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## Alcoa Lake Opened At Rockdale For Central Texas Citizens In '54

Along in mid-summer, 1954, Central Texas citizens who like fishing and boating had a bit of good luck, for on Jun 1 Alcoa's big 850 acre lake was opened to them as a recreation center.

Boat docks, picnic grounds and a concession center were built on the eastern tip of the lake and a road was constructed for easy access to the area.

And about a year earlier, in April and May, 1953, the Texas Game and Fish Commission has stocked the lake with 18,000 black bass and 5,000 bream. Catfish and other varieties came in through the pipeline from Little River that was used to fill it during the drought. Fishing was prohibited until June, 1954, when Commission officials, after making several surveys, announced that the fish were of sufficient size. Some large catches were reported on opening day, which turned out to be a rather hectic occasion.

Boat motors used on the lake are limited to 10 horsepower. Fishing tackle and boat motors are available at the concession house. But all of this, the fishing and boating and picnicking, is only the fringe benefits - the frosting on the cake. Alcoa lake was built to supply condenser cooling water for the Sandow Power Plant.

The water from the lake is passed through the condensers to cool and transform the steam which turns the turbines back into water. However, the water from the lake does not come into actual contact with the steam.

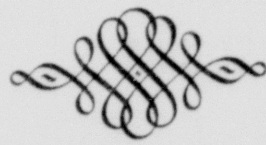
The 850 acre lake has an average depth of 18 feet. But in the southwest corner where it is deepest where lignite was removed, it measures 51 feet to bottom. It is divided into two sections by a dike.

The larger part is the intake section. Water pumped from this area travels through the condenser and is discharged into the smaller section of the lake - the hot water "pond". The water is then returned to the other section by a canal which connects the two parts of the lake. This canal is 6,800 feet long, and the water is cooled en route and when it reaches the larger lake so it can be re-used.

The lake was artificially created near the Sandow Power plant site. To create the huge water reservoir, it was necessary to build an earth dam that would provide a bank on the low side. This dam is over a mile long.

It also was necessary to build a 12 mile long pipeline to bring in water from the San Gabriel and Little River near Minerva to fill up the lake. It is a 36 inch steel reinforced concrete pipeline, and water was pumped through it by three 5 stage electrically driven vertical turbine pumps. The lake was completed and ready for filling late in 1952, and the pumps supplied up to 28,000 gallons of water a minute. Pumping lasted for approximately four and one half months, and more than 15,000 acre feet of water was pumped before the lake was filled.

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# Milam County One Of Twenty Three Original Counties For New Texas

Milam County is one of 23 original counties in Texas, and is traversed by the three rivers which attracted early settlers to this area. . . . The Little River, the San Gabriel and the Brazos Rivers. Indians probably kept settlers from arriving in this area of Texas earlier, since there was abundant timber, water, fertile soil and favorable climatic conditions.

Mrs. Earl Moseley described the early development of Milam County from the time of the Spaniards in a history written for the Centennial of Cameron in 1946.

"Although the region of present Milam County was well known to the Spaniards, their activities here left no permanent imprint. In traveling from San Antonio to Nacogdoches on the El Camino Real (King's Highway), they frequently wandered north into the region we now know as Milam County.

"And in 1748 the Mission Nuestra Señora de la Candelaria was founded on the San Gabriel River nine miles northwest of present Rockdale. The missions were soon doomed to end, but soon after, Mexico won her independence from Spain in 1821. In 1822 the Texas Association sent Robert Leftwich to Mexico to obtain a grant of land in Texas and three years later was permitted to settle 800 families in Texas above the San Antonio Road, a grant including all of present Milam County.

"In the meantime a few colonists had settled along the Brazos River in the lower reaches of the colony and by 1832a military post was established and a half dozen Anglo - American families and an equal number of Mexican were said to be living here. In the summer of 1834, immigrants from Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi and Louisiana came to the colony and two towns were laid out that year.

"Nashville, named for the city in Tennessee, was founded on the west side of the Brazos, two miles below the mouth of Little River, near the present community of Gause.

"Here for some time, Sterling

G. Robertson maintained a land office, and it served as a resting place for settlers entering the region. Here they secured supplies before moving on to their grants, and during periodic Indian raids, they returned to the block house, which was protected by a cannon sent by ladies of Nashville, Tenn.

"The second village was at the falls of the Brazos, about 30 miles from Nashville, a few miles from which is present Marlin. This town became the capital of Robertson's colony following opening of the land office where William H. Steele was land commissioner and Moses Cummings measured off the land. The settlers of Robertson's colony were to feel before the advance of Santa Anna's Mexican Army.

"The settlers in the upper portions of Milam County wore out their wagons fleeing to Nashville for protection from Indians. Some protection was offered by a company of Rangers stationed at the falls of the Brazos at a block house called Fort Milam. The burden of protection fell upon the settlers themselves and almost every community had its own blockhouse.

"Besides those at Nashville and Fort Milam, A. W. Sullivan built one on the Brazos above Nashville in 1830. This we know as Port Sullivan. In 1842 Benjamin Bryant built a stockade at a point on the Little River, about six miles west of present Buckholts, which is known as Bryant Station.

"On December 20, 1836, the Senate of the Republic of Texas confirmed the nomination of M. Farley as first chief justice of Milam County. (He is buried at Oak Hill Cemetery.) Provision was made for the terms of the county court of Milam County to be held on certain days of February, May, August and November.

"On February, 23, 1837, the chief justice certified the election of Thomas A. Graves as sheriff and William Walker and John Bailey, justices of peace.

"The municipality was named Viesca for the Mexican governor

of Coahuila prior to 1832, but in 1836 became Milam County, named for Ben Milam, one of the two Texans killed in the battle of San Antonio and embraced all of the territory claimed by Robertson's colony.

"From this vast original territory of Milam County, all or parts of 36 percent day counties have been carved.

"The first reduction of Milam's territory was effected by act of

December, 1837, which gave all of Milam east of the Brazos to the new county of Robertson. During the early years of statehood, Milam's area was again greatly reduced by acts creating new counties: In 1845, Burleson County, in 1846, Williamson; and in 1950, Bell Lennan and Falls. The final defining of Milam - Bell line on April 4, 1861, left the boundaries of Milam as they are today.

## Cameron Becomes Second County Seat Of Milam County In 1846

The city of Cameron, which celebrated its centennial fourteen years ago, had a somewhat hazy early history, to judge from a story in the Herald's old files.

In its May 27, 1937 issue, the newspaper had an account of efforts by the late Judge Kemp to correct some errors in its history.

The story said: "County Judge Jeff T. Kemp, in a recent letter to the magazine County Record recounts some interesting history of the city of Cameron.

The letter was written to correct an error by the magazine which records that Cameron was laid out in 1849 Judge Kemp submits proof that the town was laid out in 1846.

Cameron was laid out when Burleson County was cut out from Milam County. An act of the Legislature approved on April 4, 1846, tells of the appointment of Commissioners for the county who were to locate the county seat and name it. William D. Thomson, Isaac Standifer, Winfred Bayley, J. Turnham, Daniel Monroe, Benjamin Bryant and August Sullivan were the commissioners. The memoirs of the late George B. Erath state that he surveyed the land in April and May of 1846.

Another story in the history book of Dr. Thrall is that he writes the town was named for John Cameron. The city was named for

Captain Ewen Cameron. Says Judge Kemp: "It was named for the patriot Captain Ewen Cameron of the Mier expedition who was killed by the Mexicans after he had drawn a white bean."

Judge Kemp submits for publication a clipping from the Democratic Telegraph and Texas Register of date March 1, 1849, published in Houston, which reads as follows:

"New Town of Cameron. The county seat of Milam County which has been named Cameron in honor of the gallant ranger who was so distinguished at the battle of the Salado and on the Mier Expedition, is improving rapidly. It is situated in a beautiful and fertile valley on Indian or Little River, about thirty miles west of Nashville and contains about 40 houses. Extensive farms are spreading in all directions about it. Large numbers of emigrants from the Red River country and the upper Trinity are settling in the neighborhood."

## Jones Prairie Dates History Prior To Milam

Jones Prairie, one of Milam County's smallest communities, is also one of its oldest ones and dates back before the county itself was organized.

It was named for J. P. Jones, who came from Illinois in 1833, when Stephen F. Austin and others were establishing colonies in Texas. He obtained a grant of a league of land on the present location of Jones Prairie.

He did not make a permanent settlement, but he and his family camped in different locations in the timber for several years, since the area was still being troubled by Indians.

In 1838 Jones joined a surveying party which was going on an expedition; he was killed by Indians in the Battle Creek fight in Navarro County. He is buried in Fort Parker.

Among the early settlers in the community were Jasper and Martha McKinney who came there from Alabama in 1852 and Isaac and Mary Pool, who came from Mississippi in 1851. Both McKinney and Pool belonged to the Masonic Lodge and also were among the organizers of the Little River Baptist Church.

Another early pioneer was Elijah White, a native of Tennessee, who came to Texas when a boy of fifteen. He married Julia Jones, daughter of J. P. Jones, in 1844. White also was a charter member of the Masonic Lodge No. 397, AF&AM, which was organized in 1849 or 1850.

The Little River Baptist Church was organized in July, 1849 and was the fourth Baptist Church in the state.



ACROSS FROM CITY HALL — This picture caught a group of Cameronites around one of the first cars in Cameron about 1905. Behind the group are a blacksmith shop, a wood shop and Jeter Lumber Co., upper

right, now the site of Wiese Lumber Co. The present City Hall and fire station are located opposite this site on South Houston St.

## PM General Is Namesake Of Clarkson Community

Clarkson, in north east Milam County, is today as it was when the first settlers located there, a farming and ranching community.

It was named for Postmaster General Clarkson, who granted an application for its first postoffice. Earlier it was said to have been called Sodom - reason obscure - but this name didn't last after an agitation was started to change it.

Early prominent settlers were Mr. and Mrs. Will Brewer, who opened the first grocery store and Naurice Brewer, who began to practice medicine there and started a drug store. W. D. Nicholson operated the postoffice and a store from 1901 to 1903.

Other early day residents were the Mitchells, Harris, Wingoos, Taylors, Fords, Williams, Flans, Franklins and Blasenz.

The early doctors were Dr. R. W. Smith and Dr. Charley Everett.

The first gin in the settlement was built and operated by Jim Wingo and J. E. Flinn.

The first school house was a small rough building and had wooden shutters. Reading, writing and arithmetic were the subjects taught and a Milam and Falls County pioneer, a Mr. Harris, was the first teacher. According to a historical sketch of Clarkson written by Nancy Matyastik, Mrs.

Daniel Mitchan) spelling contests were held at the school on Friday afternoons and the Blue Back Speller of pioneer days was used by students.

The community for some time did not have a church building. However, a Rev. Smith of the Methodist Church, did hold occasional services in the schoolhouse. And during a revival, also held in the schoolhouse, the Baptist Church was organized in July, 1891. Later a church - a frame building painted white - was erected; it was designed and built by E. J. Mitchell. Rev. W. B. White was the first pastor and served without pay; he engaged in farming during week days.

On August 21, 1949, the church celebrated its 58th anniversary with a homecoming for the descendants of the founders. News reports estimated 150 people attended the anniversary services. The church now, however, hasn't been active in several years.

Clarkson's population, never larger, has dwindled in recent years. At last count there were 45 families living in the community. There are two stores, owned and operated by Mrs. W. B. Reynolds and Jim Hawk. The gin is owned by Mrs. John Matyastik. And a garage is operated by Bill Harrison.

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## Herald Starts As Centinel During '60

### Receipt Traces History To 1861

One hundred years is a long time. It can make even important events a little hazy. Dim men's memories. Scatter and destroy whatever records there may have been.

So there isn't much that is known now about that day in 1860 when the newspaper that was to become the Cameron Herald was launched on its first hundred years.

No copies exist now of the first issue of the newspaper which E. H. Began established and called the Milam Centinel, and which John A. Moore, who had come to Cameron from Missouri, acquired sometime during the first year and re-named the Cameron Centinel. After all, no one could foresee then that, unlike most papers of that time, it was to have a long career and become, by 1960,

### B. H. Cammer... Student at Oxford Directs Paper... 1877 To 1882

The records are better after the paper's next owner, B. H. Cammer, acquired it in 1877. Cammer was from England, well educated - he had gone to Oxford - and was an experienced newspaperman. He came to Cameron from Bremond.

Years later, in 1915, a history of the paper written for a special edition had this to say about him and the town of 1877:

"In that year, B. H. Cammer, well remembered by man of our citizens, came to Cameron and established a paper known as the Sentinel." (Apparently, the name was spelled in different ways.) "At that time there was rather dry pickings for even a weekly newspaper in this section, as there were but three or four stores in

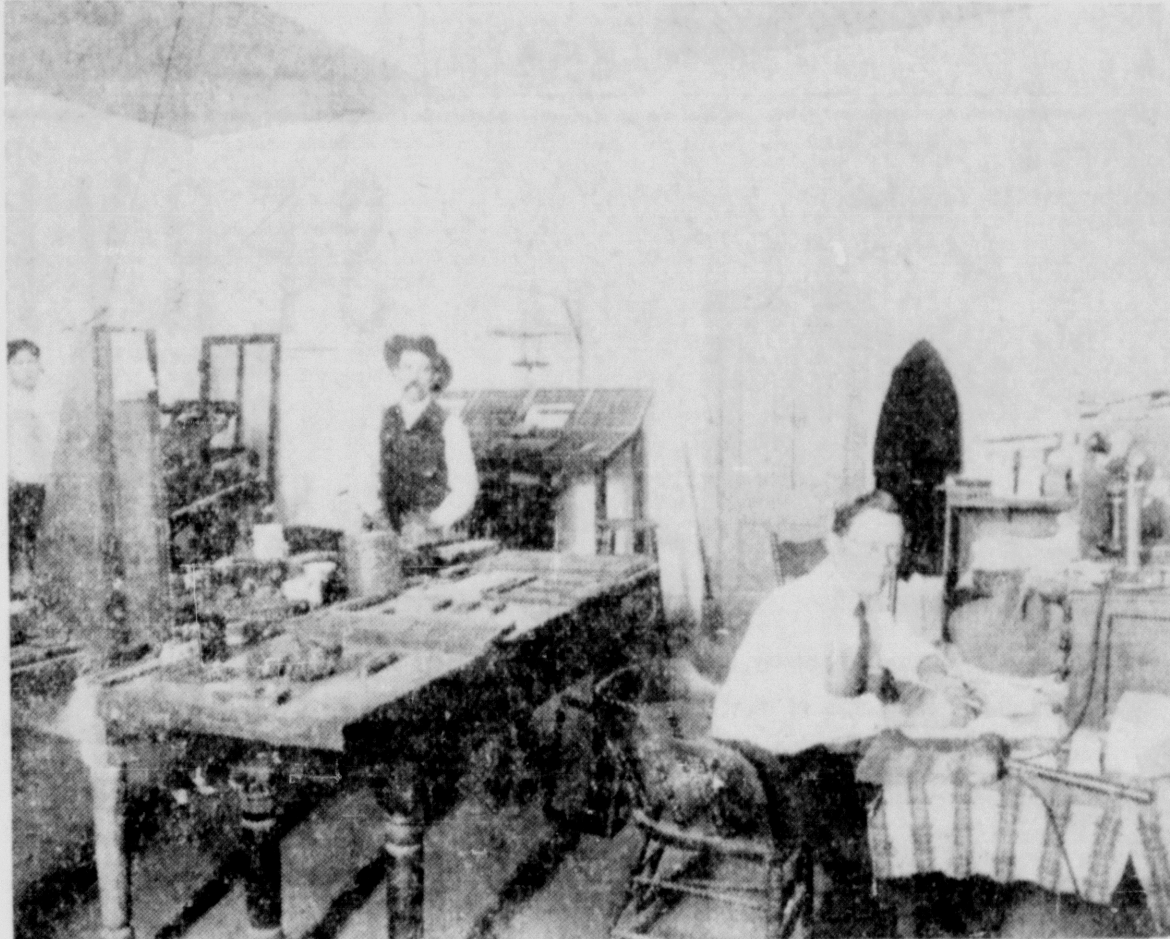
### The Moore Era

He was always ready to do all that lay in his power for the advancement of the town and section, a policy which the paper had faithfully followed for more than a third of a century. In 1881 there was a most exciting election in Milam, Rockdale wanted the county seat moved to that place and had an election called that the people might decide the question. The Sentinel had an important and leading part in the contest. Just before the contest was decided and the most important issue of the Sentinel was due, Mr. Cammer was compelled to be absent, and then Miss Willie Cammer (now Mrs. Willie Davis) took charge of the office and with the help of her sister, aged 16, brought out the paper on time much to the gratification of the friends of

one of the oldest weekly papers in the state.

One record does remain. Hanging on the wall of The Herald's office is a framed printed receipt form of the old Centinel. It is dated April 15, 1861, and shows that a Mr. E. A. Martin paid to John A. Moore "for subscription to Centinel... 2 copies... 9 mo. \$1.00" along with advertising, \$1.50 and some other charges. Proof that the paper had survived its first year and was on its way.

One other record of those early years also remains. The late R. L. Batte, Sr., who was a long time resident of Milam County, said in his memoirs that he remembered when he was a small boy that he saw a print shop in Cameron about 1870. This, it is reasonable to believe, was the Centinel office.



EARLY PRINT SHOP - This picture of the Herald shop in 1900 shows, from left: Elwood Cammer, John Bailey and Matthew Bailey. Bailey, center, worked for Oscar McAnally just after the

turn of the century at The Herald. Printing in those days was entirely by hand with handset type, foot-powered job presses, and hand cutters.

mentioned a "legend" in the office about the events of that election day - how some citizens of Rockdale chartered a train, loaded it with 100 laborers employed by the I&GN Railroad, intending to vote them in the election for Rockdale, but the train was intercepted at Milam by Colonel Lyles and a group of Cameron citizens, and after some persuasion the Irishmen all voted in favor of Cameron in the three voting boxes.

### Doctors-Lawyers

It continued:

"While the Major was in charge, he bought for the paper a fine power press, the first ever brought to Milam County, and an 8 page paper, all home print, was issued every week and the Herald was known all over the state and was most highly prized and liberally patronized by the citizens of Milam. In the latter part of 1886 Dr. C. W. Macune was the leading spirit of the Farmers Alliance, which had already grown to be a powerful organization in Texas, and he concluded that the Alliance needed an organ, and Dr. Thomas A. Pope believed that a paper would be a good investment, and ascertaining that the Herald could be bought, he and Dr. Macune formed a partnership and purchased the concern with all the fixtures, good will, etc. In a short time, Dr. Macune found that the Alliance would claim all of his time and therefore he disposed of his interest to Dr. Pope who then found himself in a rather peculiar position, viz, a Republican owning a Democratic paper in a community almost wholly Democratic. So to bridge the difficulty the Doctor hired Monte J. Moore as editor. Moore was trying to build up a law practice and Dr. Pope was too busy with his medical practice to give the paper the attention necessary and so in 1887 he sold a half interest in the paper to Oscar F. McAnally and later the other half to the Rev. James Peeler, who gave it to McAnally and thus McAnally became sole proprietor and remained such until killed in 1905, when Mr. W. R. Bowen took charge for a time and then Mr. H. W. Stevenson was editor until the corporation which now owns the paper was organized by Mr. H. B. Terrell in 1914."

"Such in brief is the biography of the Herald as far as the ownership is concerned," the old history which was compiled in 1915 concluded. Then added:

"The men who have been interested in the Herald financially have been men of high standing in the community and of more than average ability and while in charge of the paper they gave their best to the paper and to the county."

That statement can apply as well to the men who, as owners and editors, have followed in the 45 years since those words were written in the long, rolling sentences of that more leisurely newspaper publishing era.

### Editor Stabbed

McAnally was stabbed to death early on the morning of December 30, 1905, on a street in a residential section of Cameron. Wirt Terry, a young man who was employed in the Herald office by McAnally, was charged with the crime. Tried twice, his first trial in May 1906, resulted in the jury being unable to agree after deliberating for over three days. In his second trial, on May 11, 1907, the jury found him not guilty.

In a memorial service for the editor in the Christian Church, Mr. Homer D. Wade was among the speakers - T. S. Henderson, Rev. Sessions and Tompkins and Dr. Greer were the others - who lauded McAnally as a legislator, editor and citizen. Wade, himself a newspaperman, said of him as an editor: "The deceased was known to the press of Texas as one of its ablest workers. He was looked upon as a standard, and regarded as an authority."

Mrs. McAnally had announced that she would continue to publish the Herald, and her name was on the masthead as an associate editor. But a few weeks later it disappeared and on the March 1, 1906 issue was replaced by that of H. W. Stevenson as Editor and Proprietor.

In his first editorial - or Salutation, as he called it - Stevenson said he had lived in Milam

County for some ten years and was no stranger to the county at large and its problems. During his tenure as editor the paper began to be changed and modernized.

### Under Terrell, 1913 - 1920

The corporation was formed by H. B. Terrell of Waco to purchase the Herald which, despite a very good circulation, had found the financial going rather rough in that period of hard times. The company included a number of Cameron citizens. In a publisher's statement in 1914 no less than seventeen were listed as stockholders. Only two of the owners were from Waco - Miss Eula Hurlock and H. B. Terrell.

Terrell was prominent both in the newspaper business and in politics when he became editor of the Herald. He was publisher of the West News and the Lorena Register and was a state Senator, representing the Eleventh District from Waco. A good roads enthusiast, he had sponsored the Terrell road law, intended to get the highways of Texas out of the mud. Soon after he became interested in the Herald, he announced for state Comptroller on April 11, 1914. He won in the election that summer and moved into the Comptroller's office in January, 1915.

Since so much of his time was spent in Austin, Terrell placed A. V. Smith in charge of the Herald as local manager. Smith was a veteran newspaperman with experience on county papers, and he immediately started to build up the Herald's prestige and circulation. A Christmas edition he got out in 1915 which ran fifty six pages - unusually large for a weekly in that day - brought commendation from Terrell and others in Cameron and from the press over the state.

Smith remained as local manager until January, 1918. He was County for some ten years and was no stranger to the county at large and its problems. During his tenure as editor the paper began to be changed and modernized.

He had been in the editor's chair only a few months when the paper reached its quarter century mark under the Herald name. In the June 28, 1906 issue he commented on it:

"The Cameron Herald last week closed its twenty-fifth year. During the quarter of a century various editors have had it in charge, including such men as Monte J. Moore, W. J. Beer, Dr. Pope, Macune, Rev. Peeler, Walker, Maj. Moore, G. W. McKnight and latest of the galaxy of former editors Oscar McAnally, who had charge nearly twenty years."

Two years later William A. Bowen was in charge of the paper and his name appeared as Editor and Publisher on the masthead of the May 8, 1908 issue. But Stevenson later resumed the operation and was editor when the paper was sold to the Herald Publishing Company in December 1913.

### The White Era, 1920 - 1951

"By a motion passed by the stockholders, the offices of Editor and Manager and Advertising Manager were created. J. B. White, who for more than a year has been editor and manager of the Herald, was elected Editor and Manager of the Herald Publishing Company. J. R. Hays was elected Advertising Manager."

"The board of directors included leading business men and widely known citizens of Cameron. The following are directors of the organization:

"Robert McLane, H. H. Hefley, R. P. Jeter, J. B. White, J. P. Werner, J. T. Parma, W. R. Skelton, Tom S. Henderson, Jr., Judd G. Davis and R. A. Tag."

The company will publish the Cameron Herald and the Thornedale Champion and will give Milam County every press facility possible.

"Fred M. Herndon, formerly with the editorial department of the San Antonio Express, will have charge of the Thornedale Champion."

The Herald's change of ownership had preceded a short time before by another change - a new location for the office and newspaper plant. On March 31, 1921, it was moved from the Odd Fellows Hall building north of the

Postoffice, to new quarters adjoining the First National Bank in a building that had been occupied by the Dougherty Motor Company.

It had been in the Odd Fellows Hall site for 30 years before the move. Before that the records of the plant's location are few and hazy. One version is that the office was once on the corner now occupied by the Henderson building; another that it was on or near the present site of the Milam Hotel. It remained in the location next to the First National Bank until April 1939, when it was moved to the building it occupies at present on the north side of the courthouse square.

Jefferson B. White, when he took over the editorial duties at the Herald, was only 28 years old - but already he had almost 14 years of newspaper experience. And that Terrell recognized his ability was shown by the announcement in the January 4, 1920 issue that read in part:

"Beginning with this issue of the Herald Jefferson B. White, formerly city editor of the San Antonio Daily Express and a newspaper man of wide experience, assumes the local management of this paper and becomes interested in the Terrell Publishing Company. Mr. White will make Cameron his home and intends devoting his entire time and attention to the publication of a newspaper in keeping with rapidly the developing town and county."

The Terrell Publishing Company is to be congratulated upon its having secured the services of so able a man as Mr. White, the success he has attained in the daily newspaper field and his experience in the work in towns other than San Antonio having fitted him especially to give Cameron and Milam County a good constructive paper."

And during the decade of the Twenties, when prosperity - like the flappers' skirts - was high, copies of the Herald show how well White vindicated that early

judgment of his ability as an editor.

He not only gave some outstanding news coverage of the oil boom, highway construction and business building that marked that era. He published several special editions. And for a time the paper included a magazine section and a comic page among its features. In 1929 he ran a syndicated weekly column by the popular Hearst editor and commentator, Arthur Brisbane.

It was in the early days of the depression following the 1929 crash that White acquired complete ownership of the Herald. For almost a decade other stockholders had shared it with him, but in 1930 he bought them out. The change in ownership was reflected in the February 13, 1930 issue when his name appeared on the masthead alone.

Depression Days

The change may have come at a good time for the Herald's survival in the rough going of the Thirties. The depression, which caused such devastation to business concerns generally, took an especially high toll of magazines and newspapers.

White was, by temperament, well suited to face up to such hard times. Although circumstances forced him to make a number of changes, such as cutting the subscription price, eliminating frills and making other economies, there was never any indication that the paper was in serious trouble. Undoubtedly, though, he found it necessary to operate on a hand-to-mouth basis during some of the worst periods.

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JOHN BAILEY - Printer at The Cameron Herald who later became publisher of the Krum, Texas, Banner, before he died in May, 1921. He was the father of Mrs. Truman Pembroke and Mrs. Marvel Hughes, of Cameron. Bailey and his father, Matt Bailey, worked at The Herald when it was located next to the Milam Hotel, now occupied by Eplen Furniture Company.

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## J. B. White Starts Career At 14

Jefferson B. White started to work for a newspaper at fourteen. At eighteen he was owner and editor of the paper, the Nixon News.

At 27 he was City Editor of the San Antonio Express.

That was the background of experience he brought with him when he came to Cameron a year later and became the editor of the Herald in January 1920. He was, like many of the newspapermen of his era, a graduate of the newspaper offices rather than any university.

He undoubtedly preferred it that way. He didn't like things made too easy. Once, after an illness, he wrote something that expressed his philosophy:

"I got hurt on the play and the Coach took me out of the game. They hit me hard. I always like hard hitters. There is no zest in a battle where the foe is weak...."

In his long career he had some battles that have become legends. He fought against the Ku Klux Klan and prohibition. And when he was for or against a cause he went all the way.

This trait he may have inher-



ited from his grandfather, Jefferson Milam White, White, a Missourian and a cousin of Ben Milam, fought for the Confederacy, serving four years under Gen. Joe Shelby, the cavalry leader - but after Lee's surrender at Appomattox, went with the unit to Mexico hoping for some time to continue the struggle.

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# MFB Founded 14 Years Ago

The Milam County Farm Bureau, now one of the largest county farm organizations in Texas, was founded in 1946.

A group of farmers met in January of that year with TFB President J. Walter Hammond at the county agent's office and H. H. Chamberlain, of Walker's Creek, was elected chairman of the group.

Those in the organizational group included Hubert Atkinson, Clarence Freeman, both of Maysfield; Emitt Coleman, Yarrelton; Mr. Fisher of Buckholts and Mr. Noack of Rockdale and then County Agent Stufflebume.

Mrs. James Elrod was named secretary - treasurer.

In the first year 29 members joined the Milam Farm Bureau.

The following year S. W. McClaren Jr. was elected president; Ed Senkel, of Buckholts, vice-president; E. B. Yager, second vice-president; and Mrs. Elrod secretary - treasurer.

A membership drive in 1947 increased Farm Bureau members to 79. A group of leading farmers from around the county elected a board of directors who worked to increase the membership.

In April, 1947 membership rose to 358. Following the drive, the board signed an agreement with the Texas Farm Bureau to become federated with the state organization. And the first charter was drawn up for the Milam Farm Bureau.

In 1948 the membership went up to 780, creating a voice in agriculture that was heard in the Texas Legislature.

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The group became affiliated with the Southern Farm Bureau Life, Casualty & Fire Insurance Co. William F. Arthur was appointed service agent.

By 1949 membership reached 939. The following year Dennis Klien, of Burlington, was elected president with Bill Falkner vice president and R. P. Lehman second vice president. Mrs. Elrod was secretary - treasurer, and Mrs. H. M. Wimberly assistant secretary.

Mrs. Lenora Bickett was named secretary - treasurer in 1952.

Officers in 1953 were: President John A. Smith, vice - president Robert Jungmann, second vice - president Bruce Levalery.

O. G. Tumlinson became president in 1956 with Robert Jungmann vice president, Mrs. Bernice Charles second vice - president.

In 1958 Tumlinson was re-elected as president, V. L. Angell, vice - president and Mrs. S. W. McClaren, second vice - president.

The 1961 officers are - L. Angell, president; Charles Hensley vice president, Mrs. S. W. McClaren second vice president.

The current Milam County Farm Bureau membership is 1188.

"The spirit of co - operation and honest co - operation of farmers and ranchers is the key to any farm organization and the unselfish efforts of many Milam Farm Bureau board members through the years have caused the organization to grow," the history of the Milam Farm Bureau pointed out.

Space limitations made it difficult to list all those who have served during these 14 years.

The history paid tribute to the late J. B. White and The Cameron Herald for understanding of farm problems and extended congratulations to The Cameron Herald for its years of progress.

## Citizens National Founded In 1900 By H. T. Smith

The Citizens National Bank has had several high points in its sixty year old career since it was granted a charter by the Comptroller of Currency of the United States and opened its doors for business on July 6, 1900.

One came in 1925 when it celebrated its first quarter century in banking and had deposits of over \$1,450,000.

Another came last year when its capital and surplus totaled \$1,000,000.

Another one no doubt will happen soon when it completes its present remodeling program and opens its new drive - in auto bank now under construction.

But undoubtedly the greatest of them came on October 24, 1929 when it moved into its fine new building and held its formal opening on that Thursday night with the largest crowd that had ever attended such an event.

That event must have brought a good deal of satisfaction to the Mr. H. T. Smith, who with his associates had organized the Citizens National in 1900 and started it on its way with a capital stock of \$50,000 and deposits of less than \$5,000.

A high point of this era came when Oxsheer M. Smith about 1915 succeeded his father as president, one of the youngest in Texas banking circles.

The bank had been occupying temporary quarters in a building across the street, now used as a cafe, while its new building was being constructed. A few days before it moved into its new building, over \$2,000,000 in cash and securities was transported across the street in broad daylight to be placed in its vaults.

An old story of the night of the formal opening gives an account of the event.

"Upon entering the bank, the guests were ushered down the receiving line as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Oxsheer Smith, Mrs. J. F.

## Jefferson Rogers Serves Cameron In Many Ways

Major Jefferson Carroll Rogers, who led the Milam County company during the war with Mexico in 1846. He was made a Mason on the battlefield of Buena Vista. He fought under General Winfield Scott to Mexico City.

After his return from war, Rogers came to Milam County to live, and worked on the farm of Rev. Joseph P. Snead. He married Nancy Horton, daughter of a Calvert minister, later and moved to Cameron. He was elected Sheriff of Milam County in 1854 and served to 1858. He also was District Clerk for several years.

When Texas seceded and joined the Confederacy, Rogers was elected Captain of the Milam County Grays when the unit was mustered into service at Houston in 1861. It was sent to Virginia as Company G of the Fifth Texas Regiment of Hood's Brigade. Rogers, promoted to Major, had command of the entire regiment during the battle at Gettysburg. He later was severely wounded in the battle of Chickamauga, and his older brother took him to his home in Perry County, Alabama, to regain his health.

On his return to Cameron, he was elected County Clerk, but removed from office during the carpetbagger's rule. His wife had died, and he later remarried Mrs.

the 2nd Mississippi Regiment commanded by Col. Rheub Davis, a brother of Jefferson Davis, to serve during the war with Mexico in 1846. He was made a Mason on the battlefield of Buena Vista. He fought under General Winfield Scott to Mexico City.

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# Faith Builds SA&AP Line Through Cameron, Cen-Tex

During the railroad building era of the 1870 - 1890's there were many instances of accomplishing what seemed the impossible - but nothing for sheer resource - fullness probably can match the building of the old SA&AP which became Milam County's third railroad.

Transportation requirements of south and central Texas business leaders who needed rail facilities to serve their area prompted the organization and construction of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway three - quarters of a century ago.

Its construction - including the present Southern Pacific line extending from Waco south to Cameron - is a monument to the vision, enterprise and resourcefulness of a former New Yorker who had moved to Corpus Christi - Uriah Lott.

Lott had no promise of financial backing when he announced plans to build the railroad. Through sound business transactions and a "tremendous selling job" he raised the necessary funds to start construction work.

Construction of the present railroad from Waco to Cameron and of the line from Cameron to Giddings which SP abandoned on January 14, 1959, was started after most of the original SA & AP had been completed. The line was built from Waco to Lott in 1880, and was extended through Cameron to Lexington in June, 1891.

Prior to that Mr. Lott and his associates had constructed the railroad from San Antonio through Kenedy and Beeville to Corpus Christi in 1886, and from Kenedy to Houston in 1888.

In addition to Mr. Lott, members of the railroad's first board of directors included such well-known San Antonio business leaders as George W. Brackenridge, A. Belknap and W. H. Maverick.

Lott's tireless work in building the SA & AP is told in a newspaper article published by the St. Louis Globe - Democrat in 1901. The article:

"South Texas is full of strange things. From South Texas came a man who built 600 miles of railroad with a five dollar bill and faith. He moved to San Antonio from Corpus Christi with his possessions loaded on a two - wheel cart. He secured a charter to build a railroad from San Antonio to Aransas Pass. He graded the first mile, throwing a great deal more than one shovel of dirt with his own hands.

"A president of another Texas railroad loaned Mr. Lott enough old rails to build the first mile of track. He purchased his first locomotive from another railroad that had planned to dismantle the engine for scrap. This and a half-dozen secondhand freight cars comprised the first train operated by the SA&AP.

"There has been some tall financing in the history of rail construction in this country but nothing, which for real courage, rivals the story of Lott and the SA&AP. To the first mile of track

was added three additional miles through a trade for additional rails which a street car company had purchased from a narrow gauge company. On this basis a credit trade was made with the Pennsylvania Rolling Mill Company for ten miles of new rails. When they arrived in San Antonio Lott had to borrow money to pay the freight bill.

"At one time Lott made a trip from San Antonio to Chicago to secure financial help without a cent in his pockets. But through grit and determination he secured the funds necessary to build what is today a part of the great southern Pacific System."



LADY SHERIFF - Milam County has had about 18 sheriffs since 1874, and one of them was a lady, Mrs. Sarah White. Her husband, Valter White, now county tax assessor-collector, was sheriff prior to Mrs. White's term as sheriff in 1943-44, which she served after appointment by the county commissioners court at that time. She was not the only woman sheriff in Texas, but the only one in Milam County history. White was called into the army during World War II, thus setting the stage for her appointment. This picture showing White and his wife appeared in The Herald during 1943.

## Original Area Of Fertile Land Awaited Hundreds Of Settlers

When the original area of Milam County was opened for colonization in 1834, the fertile lands of Central Texas awaited hundreds of pioneers from Southern states.

Part of a history written about Milam County by Mrs. Earl Mosley for the 1946 Centennial of Cameron tells the story:

"When the governor of Coahuila (the Spanish ruler) and Texas permitted Robertson to issue land titles in 1834, there was opened to the first comers free land in the virgin tract practically as large as many of the states from which they came. It is said that the soil on these 'weed prairies' was so fertile that all that was needed to burn off the weeds and procure an ordinary hoe and with this simple system of husbandry, the industrious farmer would be rewarded from 40 to 50 bushels of corn or 500 pounds of clean cotton fit for market.

"Cotton raising on a large scale began with the importation of the Negro slaves in the early 1850's and the establishment of large plantations.

"The Civil War disrupted the plantation system but cotton has remained a principal crop. In 1887 when more than half of the farm acreage was planted in cotton 23 percent of the crop was destroyed by drought, but the county produced that year 4,773 bales of cotton which was valued at \$576, 147.

"By 1935 the county was producing 40 to 70 thousand bales annually. Having this surrounding, Cameron became a great cotton gin center.

"Early settlers also concentrated on cattle raising and some of the finest herds in Texas are found in Milam County.

"Tons and tons of melons, cantaloupes, fruit, tomatoes and sweet potatoes are shipped out each year, which produced an industry, a fruit packaging shed. Pecans,

Scout Leader Finds Skeleton. CAMERON, TEXAS' HERALD, NOV. 24, 1960 Page 3c

A girl scout counselor discovered the 'Skeleton of Yellowhouse Canyon' just 12 miles east of Lubbock in Northern West Texas.

The skeleton was that of an Indian who died between 1885 and 1875. He was buried with a Remington - Beals, 44 caliber cap and ball revolver (such as used by the U. S. Army), an Army officers metal belt buckle, a scalping knife, a leather saddle bag, remnants of a bride, an iron bit, an antler flaking tool and a two-quart Army issue kettle of copper or brass.

This young adult male Indian was buried Comanche style, with his valuables and ornaments. These included a copper ring, ornamental bone breastplate and a pouch of cinnabar (mercury ore) for painting the face and body.

There is much debate whether the Indian was an Army Scout or was with a hostile tribe.

Original Setting Rebuilt

A full - sized replica of the Alamo and parts of old San Antonio, as they looked in 1836, has been built on a ranch near Brackettville. This Kinney County town is located in southwest Texas, near the Mexican border.

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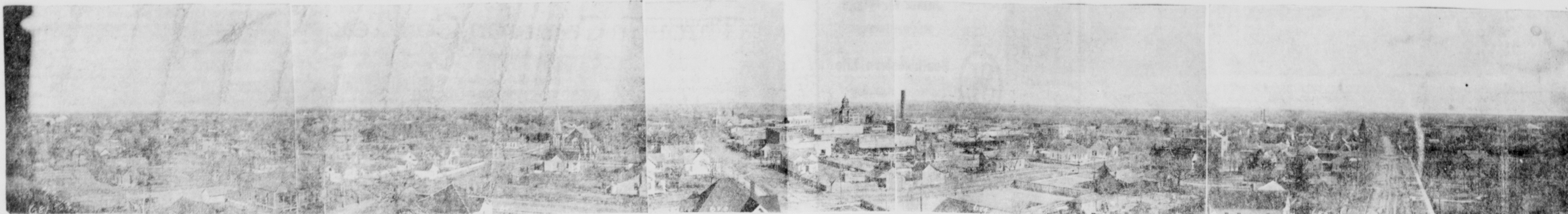
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# Cameron Panorama ... The City Of Cameron Viewed Through The Camera In 1913 .. Do You Remember?



This rare panoramic shot of the skyline of Cameron before World War I was taken in a series of pictures from the belfry of the old Milam Institute, first school in Cameron. Site of the school is now the Little League Baseball Park in the center of Cameron. The pictures are looking south from southeast to Southwest. On the extreme left is C. H. Yoe residence, donors of the Yoe High School and campus, on to the right to the Methodist Church, and on to the old Presbyterian Church, (with the spire) which was torn down in 1957. Further right you can identify the Milam Courthouse, the old Oil Gin, the Baptist Church, the Batte Gin, the old Christian Church, which burned in the 1920's. The panel of pictures was taken by John F. McLane, now of Houston, who worked in Cameron at the power plant.

## Herring Edits The Herald Following World War I

Editors have a habit of writing about everything but themselves. So, more often than not, it is hard to learn anything about the man just by reading the newspaper he edits each week.

That certainly is the case with Thomas N. Herring, who was the Herald's editor in 1918 and 1919. He let a personal not appear only once or twice in those two years. The first time was when he took over the duties as local manager. In a short paragraph on the editorial page of the January 19, 1918, issue he wrote that if he was assuming the management of the Herald and remarked that it was a great responsibility, but the reception he had received from the business interests was highly appreciated.

He was a newcomer to Cameron, for he added:

"Of course it will take time for us to know everybody. It will take time for a rank stranger to even locate every place of business in the city, but we are apt along this line, and with your kind indulgence for a few weeks we hope to become acquainted with you all."

Apparently he was as good as his work for within a short time he was taking part in the city's business activities. Herring's name appears as one of the first directors and founders of the Ca-

meron Commercial Club, forerunner of the present day Chamber of Commerce. And he was an officer or director of at least one or two of the old companies that were springing up at that time.

About the only other personal came near the end of this tenure as editor, and is a little more revealing. It was prompted by the fact that in a contest held by the Texas Press Association in 1919 for weekly newspapers using a linotype, the Herald's entry won second place.

In the June 10, 1919, issue, announcing the award, he gave a little reminiscent and wrote:

"The contest at San Antonio is the first one the Herald editor has ever entered, and the prize money the first ever received. In the summer of 1901, just 21 years ago, the Herald man started his printing career in Fortney, Kaufman County, Texas, in the employ of M. J. Mary Jane Cox and after four months of work learning the business, a salary was started which was fifty cents a week. At the end of the month a check was drawn for same to the amount of \$2.00 on the Farmers National Bank of Forney. The distribution of the prize money at San Antonio was in \$10 bills and in the lot given to the Herald was a bank note on the Farmers National Bank of Forney."

The coincidence, he remarked, brought back those memories of the beginning of his newspaper career.

Herring went over to the Cameron Enterprise as editor when he was succeeded at the Herald by J. B. White in January, 1920. However, he left Cameron the following year.

The last record of him was in a story in the August 20, 1925, issue which reported he had lost his health at Waco, Texas. The account said he had suffered a nervous breakdown due to overwork and was in a Dallas sanitarium. He had moved there from Cameron four years before, it said, and established the Ellis County Tribune.

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## 'Printers Devil' Tells Experience

The Cameron Herald, like other newspapers of the early days, had its "printer's devil."

And in 1884 and 1886, the one that held that position is still a citizen of Cameron — Dr. G. S. Evans, Sr.

It was his first job. In these days, when the linotype machine had not yet come into use on weekly newspapers, nor on many metropolitan dailies, either — the printer's devil was the boy in the shop who, along with his other duties, helped to set type.

"We did it by hand then," Dr. Evans explained the process. "We held what was called a 'stick' in one hand and reached into small boxes in the case for the different type to fill the stick."

The Herald office was located in the old Odd Fellow's building north of the Post Office at the time. Oscar F. McNally was editor when Dr. Evans went to work there in 1884.

"We worked about 12 hours a day and 6 days a week." For the first couple of months or so he was on trial as an apprentice printer and didn't get any pay. Then he was started on a salary of \$3.00 a week.

He still has a reminder of those print shop days in the shape of a scarred finger.

friends, he recalls, gave him some advice.

"Gus, you are wasting your time," he said. "You are learning a trade that doesn't have any future. In some cities now newspapers have a machine called a linotype. It can set type faster than half a dozen printers by hand. Sooner or later all the papers will get them. Why don't you go to work for the law?" Mr. Johnson, and learn watch repairing? They'll never invent a machine that can take a watch apart, repair it and put it back together, again."

It sounded like good advice to him, Dr. Evans said, and he took it — and ended his newspaper career.

### Eggs in Your Mail

A post office may seem like an ordinary building to most anyone, and certainly not a tourist attraction. But there is one post office in Texas that really is a sight to behold.

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## Rev. Peeler Totes Pistols, Preaches

Reverend James Peeler, one of the early day Herald owners, was also, if the legends can be believed, one of the most colorful figures in an era that certainly did not lack for colorful personalities.

Among the legends about him is the story that, one Sunday morning during Buckholts' early days, he walked into a saloon, laid his two six-shooters on the bar and using it as a pulpit, proceeded to preach a sermon to his captive congregation.

Although Peeler was a minister for most of his adult life, he also was a large landowner, inventor and investor in various enterprises.

He was born in Georgia on Feb-

ruary 13, 1817, one of ten children of Jacob and Sarah Martin Peeler.

He spent his boyhood on a farm — his father was a planter and miller — and worked as a country store clerk. He decided to enter the ministry and began to study for it in 1836, and was licensed to preach in April, 1839. In 1840 he joined the Alabama Conference and remained there until 1849 when he was transferred to the Florida Conference. He served for 16 years at Key West, Brunswick, Tallahassee and other Florida cities.

Peeler married Miss Mary Lawless, daughter of James Lawless of Pullman County, Georgia, on January 18, 1836 and they had seven children.

While in Florida he invented the "Peeler plow" an improved type. He traded an interest in his pat-

ent rights for 9,000 acres of Milam County land near another tract he owned there and these holdings probably influenced him to move to Texas in 1866 after the close of the Civil War.

During the Civil War Peeler served in the Confederate army and was Chaplain of the Twenty-eighth Georgia Regiment, Colquitt's brigade, Stonewall Jackson's Corps and saw service in Virginia.

For a time after coming to Texas he worked as a surveyor, but in 1868 resumed preaching until 1882, when he retired because of age and ill health.

After the death of his first wife in 1892, Peeler married Mrs. Fannie Schrock of Cameron.

Peeler's various financial investments included a part ownership, together with Oscar F. McNally, of the Cameron Herald for a year or more in 1886 and 1887 until he finally disposed of his interest in the publication to McNally.

## Dr. Thomas Pope Co - Owns The Herald Thru 1886-87

Dr. Thomas A. Pope was born in Macoupin county, Illinois, June 29, 1847. Most of his early life was spent in school, since it was his father's expressed desire to educate his children. In the winter of 1862 he enlisted in the 46th Indiana volunteer Infantry and served until the regiment was mustered out in September 1865. After the close of the war he spent two years in Madison University, New York. After graduating from that institution, he taught school in western Iowa until 1873 when he came to Texas. In 1873 he was appointed Superintendent of schools in those two counties. In 1877 he graduated with honors from Louisville Medical College and later studied at St. Louis, Chicago, New York and London, England. In 1886 he located permanently in Cameron and began the practice

of medicine.

Dr. Pope was co-owner of the 1886-87. In later years, about 1916, he was correspondent for the paper from Hoyte where he had his home.

Dr. Pope contributed many valuable papers to the medical journals and several of his suggestions have been incorporated in text-books and they are a permanent part of medical literature. He was during his active years president of the Milam County Medical Association, the Brazos Valley Medical Association, was company surgeon for the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway and the SA & AP Railway and president of the State Association of Railway Surgeons.

While not a politician, he took an interest in the Republican party in the county and in 1896 was a delegate to the National Republican convention to Minneapolis. He was appointed postmaster of Cameron by President McKinley and again by President Wm. A. Taft.

On February 15, 1874, he was married to Miss Martha A. McCown, daughter of J. W. McCown, Jr., of Milam County. They had four children — Miss Susan Pope and Armin L. Pope of Cameron, A. E. Pool of Big Spring.

Dr. Pope died at his home in Cameron on Sunday night October 5, 1919, at age 72.

He was said to have had the largest medical practice in the county and was highly respected and very popular in the community.

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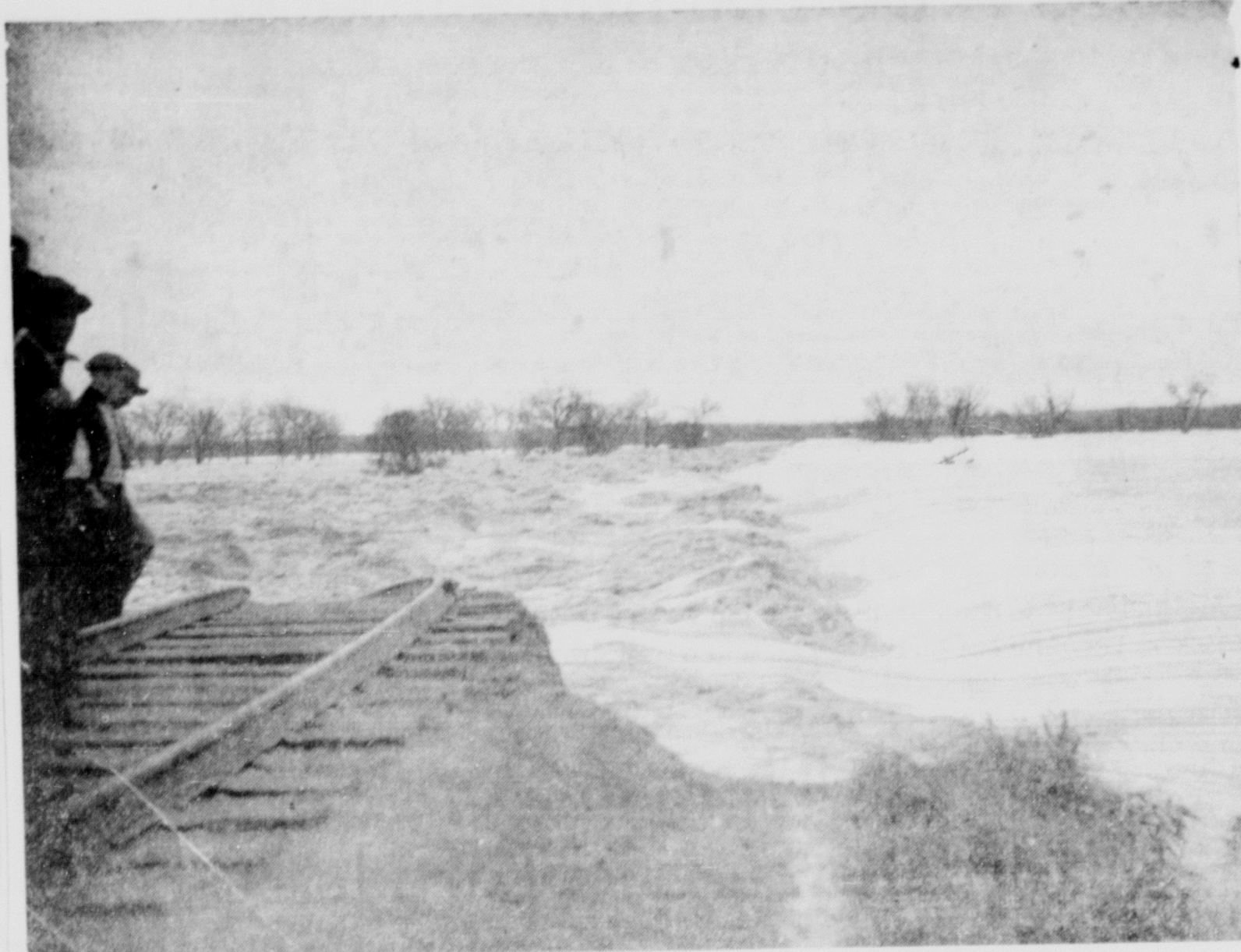
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**FLOOD OF 1921** — The waters of Little River rage past over the washed-out tracks of the Santa Fe Railroad. This was the scene of the now famous flood of 1921 when water raced out of the banks of the Little River, pouring over the bottom land and flooding up to the higher land of the city near the cemetery. Only recent outpouring of water that approached the 1921

flood was that of 1957 when water covered the river bottom for several days. The river lowlands were impassable at any time of rampaging waters prior to construction of modern bridges such as the US 77 bridge crossing Little River today east of Cameron. It was built about 1947. Men in the picture stood aside as the picture was snapped.

## Not 1st County Seat

# City Begins In 1846

Cameron was not the first county seat of Milam County, but assumed that role in 1846 about nine years after the first county seat had been designated.

Mrs. Earl Moseley described the selection of Cameron as county seat in a Centennial history of Cameron written in 1946.

"Upon the suggestion of Chief Justice Farley, who pointed out in a letter to the Secretary of State (of the Republic of Texas) on April 16, 1837, that all of the settlements in Milam County were in its southern portion, Nashville became the first county seat, continuing so throughout the period of the Republic of Texas.

"That did not seem to be the permanent county seat for records show that on various occasions court was held at Caldwell. However, an act of the first legislature provided for the establishment of a permanent county seat by appointing seven commissioners to select the site.

"And early in May, 1846, the site for the town was laid off by A. W. Sullivan, Benjamin Bryant, John Hobson, and Daniel Monroe. The place chosen was in the post oaks 1½ miles east of the Little River on the Daniel Monroe league and the commissioners named the new seat of justice 'Cameron' in honor of Ewing Cameron, a member of the Mier Expedition. Cameron, who was shot by order of Santa Anna, when he faced the firing squad, bared his breast and was heard to cry defiantly, 'I will show you how brave Americans can die!'

"Cameron has remained the county seat of Milam County throughout these years, having had four courthouses built. The first elections of the county were held in August, 1846, with the following chosen: Isaac Standifer, chief justice; John McClennan, sheriff; F. T. Duffan, county clerk; and W. W. Oxshier, district clerk.

"The first building erected was the courthouse and Mr. Oxshier, district clerk, described it fully.

"The second house built in Cameron was put up by C. M. Hubby a hewed log cabin affair, which was opened as a mercantile establishment, the principle article of merchandise being whiskey. This building stood near the present location of McLane Wholesale on the east side of the square.

"A little later, George Burney and John Blair put up a tavern where the jail now stands, and soon some residences and some business houses, including a double walled log jail, gave Cameron the air of a regular business center.

"The spiritual needs of the people in these early days were administered to by the itinerant ministry, supplemented by neighborhood and family prayer meetings. Church buildings were scarce but settlers' houses were always open for gatherings of a religious nature and when an extraordinary gathering was promised, often resort had to be made to what the poet has called God's first Temples, the spreading trees.

Many times church was held in the courthouse in Cameron union Sunday School was held in the first school house.

"During the early part of 1847,

the Methodists effected an organization in Milam County with the Rev. J. W. Whipple the presiding elder, in charge. The first Baptist Church in the county was organized at Little River in 1849 and in October 1853, the Little River Baptist Association was formed of churches in six counties.

"The first church in Cameron was organized in 1853 by the Bap-

tists with the Rev. D. Fisher as pastor. Their building was located near the present site of the Methodist Church, but was moved several years later to where the fire station now stands. This was the story affair with the Masonic Lodge organized in 1855 occupying the upper story. This was destroyed by a fire in 1880. Since these early days, many denominational leaders have come to minister to the citizenship of Cameron. The Methodists and Baptists have been joined by members of Christian, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Episcopal, Church of Christ, Catholic, Spiritualist and interdenominational faith, so that today Cameron is a city of many churches."

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# Henderson Rises To Leadership

Thomas S. Henderson was among that group of Cameron's pioneers whose enterprise and industry changed it from a struggling little country town into the city it has become.

He was serving as county attorney before he was old enough to vote and his career as lawyer, public official, businessman and landowner spanned almost six decades until his death in February, 1937.

Born in old Washington on the Brazos January 12, 1859, he was the son of Thomas S. and Harriet Henderson, plantation owners near that historic town. He first attended school in an old one room log schoolhouse. At 15 he entered Baylor, then known as Waco University, and graduated in June, 1877. He then attended law school at Washington University in St. Louis.

Henderson came to Cameron and began the practice of law in June 1879. His brother, John H. Henderson, the district attorney for Milam, Robertson and Brazos Counties, had recommended Cameron as a good location for a young lawyer - a somewhat optimistic statement considering it was described as a shack town of 500 population.

Henderson's political rise was rapid. Shortly after his arrival he was appointed county attorney



Thomas S. Henderson

when the then attorney, F. M. Adams, resigned. In 1880 he was elected to the office. In 1882, he succeeded his brother as district attorney - and in 1892 was elected to the Legislature and served in the lower house.

Governor Culberson appointed him to the Board of Regents of the University of Texas, and he served on it for 15 years, part of the time as chairman. A Democrat, he was a member of the famous Texas delegation - the Immortal Forty - that nominated Woodrow Wilson for president in 1912

# Pioneer Traces Uncle To Texas

William W. Oxsheer, one of the early day pioneers who rose to prominence in Cameron and Milam County affairs, came to Texas in 1837 when it was a Republic.

He was a native of Tennessee. His boyhood was spent on his father's farm in Oxsheer Hollow, in Bledsoe County, but he went to live with his uncle in Alabama when attending a university there.

William Oxsheer came to Texas the first time, not as a settler, but because his aunt requested him to try to find another uncle. Judge William B. Wilson, who had come to Texas and had not been heard from in two years.

He was fascinated, however, by everything he saw when he reached Texas - the fertile land, the grassy prairies, and the abundance of game - and called it a pioneer's paradise.

His uncle, William B. Wilson, evidently thought the same way about it, because when Oxsheer located him in Robinson's Colony at Whetlock, he decided not to return home to Alabama. Instead, he had William Oxsheer go back in his place, sell his property and move his family and slaves to Texas. Oxsheer accompanied this, he and the Wilson family arriving in Whetlock after a hard journey in December 1839.

They remained there for about two years before the Indians became less hostile west of the Brazos. In the spring of 1842 they moved to Milam County and settled on Little River about three miles south of the present location of Cameron.

at Baltimore.

In 1884, he was married to Miss Minnie Agnes Burns of Marshall. Henderson ran for Congress from the 9th Texas District and while he got a plurality of the popular votes, he was refused the nomination in the convention. He served on the Board of Directors of the Brazos River Reclamation organization from 1936 to 1935.

He also had a career as one of Milam County's most prominent lawyers and businessmen. At one time he was a vice president of the Citizens National Bank. He organized the Milam County Abstract Company. And he was associated with Lawrence in the Cameron Water and Light Company.

Oxsheer lived with the Wilson family and assisted his uncle to establish his plantation until 1842 when he met and married Martha Kirk of Wheelock, who had come with her family from Mississippi in 1841.

They moved into a log cabin he had built on the large tract of land he had bought ten miles east of Cameron on Little River for 25 cents an acre. When the following year his wife's father died and Mrs. Kirk divided the family's slaves among the children, Oxsheer had sufficient labor to increase his farming operations.

Oxsheer assisted in the organization of Milam County and in the first election in 1846 was elected District Clerk. He held the office six years. He also was a surveyor and assisted in laying off Cameron as the new county seat in 1846.

He also helped to lay off the city of Waco the following year. He helped start the first school which was a log cabin - and he and his family were charter members of the Methodist Church when it was organized in 1847.

Perhaps his most important service came after the end of the Civil War when he was chosen to represent Milam County in the 14th or Reconstruction Legislature. He assisted in removing carpetbaggers from state office, and also helped with the State contract for the &GN Railroad.

He was petitioned to go back to the Legislature after retirement to get laws passed clearing titles to much of Milam County's land and he served in both the 15th and 16th Legislatures.

## First National Opens Operation 71 Years Ago

The First National Bank of Cameron, now in its 71st year, opened for business August 22, 1889. Recent improvements to the First National Bank building have brought a new appearance to the original structure that housed the Bank at the same location on First & Houston.

First president of the bank was the founder, John M. Hefley, who organized interest in founding a bank with a number of businessmen and farmers of the community. It was capitalized for \$50,000.

First stockholders of the Bank were: John M. Hefley, John B. McLane, J. C. Reese, John R. Hoxie, A. J. Lewis, W. T. Lewis, B. I. Arnold, Tobe Johnson, Tom Peoples, S. D. Rainey, R. H. Sellers, John C. McCarthy, C. P. Dodge and B. B. Baxter.

A quarter-century history of the Bank notes that: "Through the two great panics of 1893 and 1907 - it is a great satisfaction to recall that not only was our institution able to go safely through the storm, but that we were able to assist our friends by carrying over their paper without forcing collections."

The present day bank is headed by Lester Williams, president since January 1946.

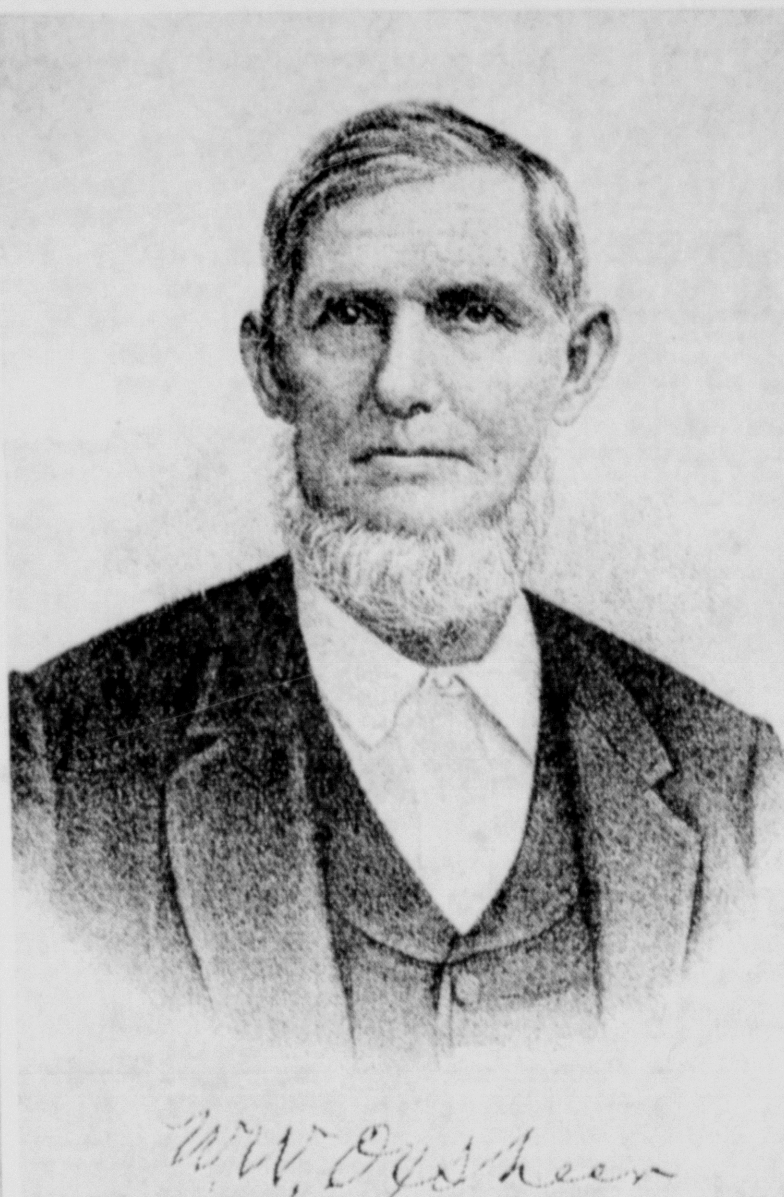
Recent improvements at the bank include addition of a chime clock, refinished columns and exterior of the bank, remodeled coffee lounge, installation of a new night deposit box and a music system inside the bank.

## Here's List Of Sheriffs, Clerks, Judges

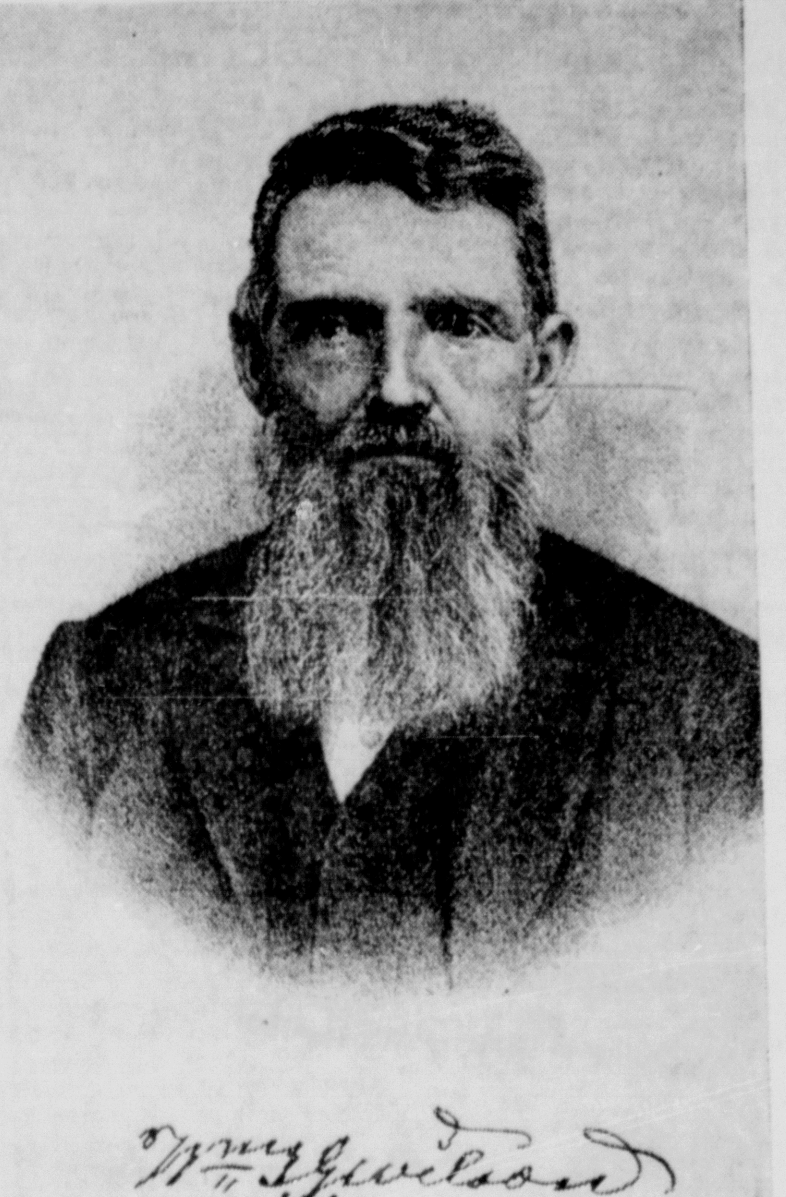
Here is a list of the county sheriffs, district clerks and district judges of Milam County since 1874.

SHERIFFS: W. E. Mitcheson, 1874 - 1876; W. Livingston 1876-1878; John B. Wolf, 1879-1880; Wyatt Lipscomb, 1881 - 1886; A. J. Lewis, 1887 - 1890; John H. Bickett, 1891 - 1896; Robert Todd, 1897-1902; Giles Avirett, 1903 - 1904; Robert Todd, 1905 - 1906; J. E. Holtzelaw, 1907 - 1910; Allen Hooks, 1911 - 1918; L. L. Blaylock, 1919 - 1922; D. S. Rogers, 1923 - 1924; L. L. Blaylock, 1925-1934; R. M. Kennedy, 1925 - 1940; Valter White, 1941 - 1942; Mrs. Sarah White, 1943 - 1944; Carl C. Black, 1945 -.

DISTRICT CLERKS: J. Nabors, 1874 - 1875; B. F. Homan, 1876 - 1877; John C. Oxenford, 1878 - 1886; I. M. Barber, 1887-1890; T. C. Stafford, 1891 - 1902; James Hooks, 1903 - 1908; Giles Avirett, 1909 - 1912; Sam Wilson, 1913 - 1915; Penn Wolf, 1915 - 1940; W. C. Moody, 1941 - 1942; Mrs. Isabelle Moody, 1943 - 1944; Grady Allen, 1945 -.



WILLIAM W. OXSHER — These pictures are reproductions of original prints. At left is W. W. Oxsheer, pioneer legislator and developer of land in the Cameron area. At right is his uncle, Judge William B. Wilson, who Oxsheer followed to Texas from his native



state of Tennessee, in 1837. They moved to Little River land three miles south of the present site of Cameron. The pictures were apparently sketched prior to the Civil War. This is the first time they have appeared in print.

## Stedman Agency Traces Founding Back To 1878

Minnie Stedman Insurance, the Mamie A. Hefley Agency, traces its history to an organization date

DISTRICT JUDGES: A. S. Broaddus, 1874 - 1875; Spencer Ford, 1876 - 1880; W. E. Collard, 1881-1886; John N. Henderson 1887 - 1894; W. G. Taliaferro, 1895 - 1900; J. C. Scott, 1901 - 1916; John Watson, 1917 - 1931; Graham Gillis, 1932 - 1943; O. L. Kidd, 1944 - 1944; John Watson, 1945 - 1948; W. A. Morrison, 1949 - 1950; O. D. Graham, 1950 - 1960; W. C. Wallace, 1961 -.

of 1878 in Cameron, probably the oldest insurance agency in Central Texas.

It was founded by B. I. Arnold, father of Mrs. Hefley, who went into the insurance business at the age of 17. Mrs. Hefley continued to operate the agency until her death in 1947. Miss Minnie Stedman continues to operate the agency under the same name.

The old Mamie Hefley agency still represents one of the oldest insurance companies in the world, the Liverpool & London & Royal Globe, a British firm which was one of the first companies represented in Cameron by the Mamie Hefley agency, since there were fewer American companies at the time.

Miss Stedman also maintains the Mamie Hefley agency in the same

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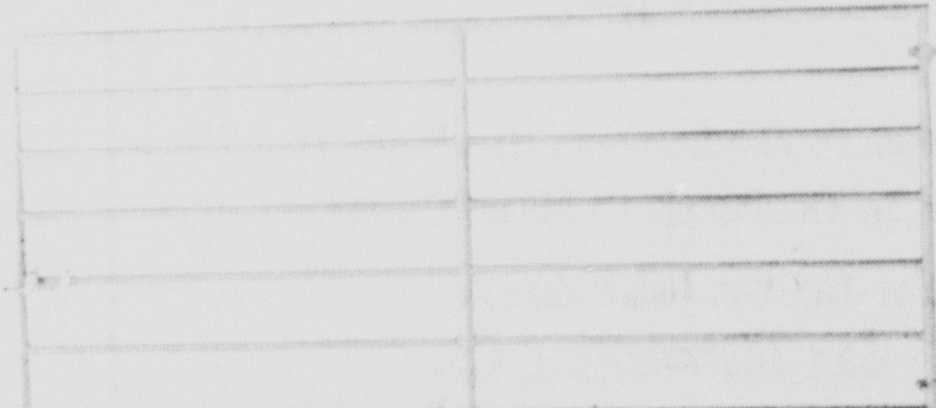
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improved as the country emerged  
from the depression, White launch-  
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newspaper. Called the Cameron  
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as the Midget. The first issue came  
out on June 3, 1939.

### The Midget

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newspaper. White believed, how-  
ever, that by keeping the paper  
small -- and the Midget was only  
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MILAM INSTITUTE CLASS -- This group of stu-  
dents posed for this picture about 1902 on the south  
side of the Old Milam Liberal Institute, which was  
located on the site of the present Cameron Little Lea-  
gue Park. The first Institute was founded in 1848, the  
first school in Cameron or what is now Milam County.  
Among the students in this picture was Sam McDer-  
mott, vice-president of the Citizens National Bank.

who died about two years ago. The first Milam Liber-  
al Institute, built of brick, burned to the ground just  
after completion and the one which was torn down a  
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The Midget was published for

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When the United States entered  
World War II in December, 1941,  
the Herald weekly and daily, like  
other newspapers, felt the pinch of  
shortages and restrictions, but  
they gave their readers some out-  
standing stories of the men in the  
services.

After V-E and V-J Day, White  
purchased some new pressroom  
equipment when it was avail-  
able, and the papers grew in that  
post-war boom era.

About 1950 J. B. White's health  
began to fail rapidly. During  
next year he was in and out of  
several hospitals and clinics. Mrs.  
White, who was a member of the  
Herald staff, took over the man-  
agement; she was assisted by Max  
McClaren, a Baylor graduate, with  
the editorial duties. J. B. White  
returned to his desk once or twice,  
but only for short periods. He  
died on March 31, 1951.

### Post-War Period

Mrs. White continued publica-  
tion of the papers for several mon-  
ths, and then sold them to Milton  
F. Brown, Jr., a newspaperman  
who had been associated with sev-  
eral Texas papers. He became  
the owner and publisher of both  
the Herald weekly and the Daily  
Midget on July 1, 1951.

Brown came to Cameron from  
Lamesa where he was a member  
of the advertising staff on the  
Lamesa where he was a member  
was connected with papers in Mor-  
ton and Georgetown following ser-  
vice in the Army in the South  
Pacific during World War II. Soon  
after he became the owner, he  
purchased additional equipment  
for the paper, including a tele-  
typesetter.

In 1954 Brown became associat-  
ed with several other Cameron cit-  
izens in the building of Radio Sta-  
tion KMIL. Within a few months  
after it went on the air, he found  
the station would require most of  
his time and so he decided to  
sell the Herald. In October, 1956,  
he sold to two newspapermen in  
Georgetown, John Cardwell and  
Don Scarbrough.

Cardwell and Scarbrough employ-  
ed Gene Hays as editor. But in  
July 1957, Frank M. Luecke, who  
had been connected with papers  
in Purcell, Oklahoma and Grand

Prairie, Texas, purchased an in-  
terest in The Herald and became  
a co-owner and managing editor.  
He has been editor since that time.

And such is the history of The  
Cameron Herald which earlier this  
year completed its first one hun-  
dred years.

And in doing it, it fulfilled a  
hope expressed a quarter of a cen-  
tury ago when it was 75 years old.  
In the April 18, 1935 issue the  
editor, J. B. White, wrote:

When the Herald was establis-  
hed Napoleon the Third ruled Fr-  
ance. Maximilian sat on the throne  
of Mexico and Abraham Lincoln  
was beginning his momentous jour-  
ney out of Illinois to take the  
presidency. General Robert E. Lee  
now endeared to the hearts of Am-  
ericans in gray, was nearing the  
end of service in the United States  
Army. The fiery tongue of Jeff-  
erson Davis was still purging the  
Senate and the fateful events of  
the next decade were still to un-  
fold in America's most stirring  
drama.

### Lucas Gusher in Beaumont

Discovery well of the famous  
Spindle Top Oil Field, the Lucas  
Gusher, can be seen four miles  
south of Beaumont, Texas, near  
the Gulf Coast and Louisiana bor-  
der.

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oil a day.

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the first important oil discovery  
on the Gulf Coast and marked the  
beginning of an era for a district  
that is now a major oil refining  
and exporting center of the world.

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as "Where the West Begins."  
Know where this saying origi-  
nated?

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with the Indians by San Hous-  
ton, where Houston promised them  
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